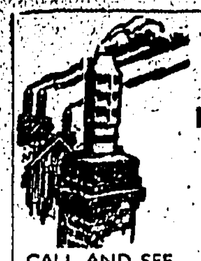

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FOREIGN STATE IN SOVIET PLOT

PROMISE OF ARMED AID ALLEGED

SCHEME TO OVERTHROW STALIN'S REGIME

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Moscow, Dec. 26.

It is officially announced that thirteen of the fourteen men arrested for the murder of the Leningrad official, Kirov, have confessed to membership in a "terrorist group" organised in the old capital. But only three men, Nikolayev, Antonoff and Zvezdov have admitted planning the assassination of Kirov.

Testimony before the prosecutor at Leningrad was of a most sensational nature.

Nikolayev stated that the terriorists planned the murder of Stalin, also, and added that he had negotiated with an unnamed Consulate in Leningrad for military intervention from abroad if the plotters' coup succeeded.

This man went on to say that he had received 5,000 roubles to finance the operations of the directing committee of the counter-revolutionaries in Leningrad, and that the Consulate friendly to their cause had also offered to make contact with the banished Trotsky, whom the plotters planned to reinstate at the head of the Soviet Government.

The rebels planned to oust Stalin, Molotov, Kaganovitch and Kirov, one way or another, but preferably at pistol's point. Trotsky, Zinovieff and Kameneff would have succeeded to the chief posts of the Union had the coup been successful.—*United Press.*

POWERS INVOLVED

Moscow, Dec. 26.

The allegation that a foreign consulate whose nationality was not stated, was in close touch with those responsible for the murder of Kirov, was made in the indictment against Nikolayev and thirteen other rebel Communists who were accused of plotting the assassination of Kirov to-day.

The indictment declares that former members of the Zinovieff "Opposition Group" in Leningrad planned the coup with the object of changing the policy of the Soviet Government and placing Zinovieff and Trotsky in power. They sought to accomplish this by acts of terrorism against Soviet officials and Kirov was their first victim, says the prosecution.

Most amazing of all is the allegation that his group of plotters counted on armed assistance from certain foreign powers.

NEGOTIATIONS

Nikolayev apparently admits that he negotiated with the unnamed consulate with regard to assistance for the plotters. The consulate is said to have supplied the rebels with money.

Furthermore, the consulate said it could establish connections with Trotsky if Nikolayev gave them a letter from the group to the former Soviet leader.

The aims and methods of the plotting group coincided with those of the White Guard Russian organisations abroad, which were responsible for previous murders of prominent Soviet officials, the indictment adds.

Official quarters allege that Nikolayev has admitted his guilt in plotting the death of Kirov.—*Reuter.*

CHARGED WITH TREASON

(Special to "Telegraph")

Moscow, Dec. 26.

As a result of the confessions obtained, the prosecutor to-day handed over to the Military Collegium, the highest court of the land, fourteen men charged with treason.

The charge is actually laid under Clause 58 of the Soviet code, which forbids counter-revolts and plots.

It is stated that out of the eight men arrested in Leningrad as members of the "terrorist group" four were directly involved in the murder of Kirov. Nikolayev, Yuskin, Zvezdov and Tantanov drew up the plan for the assassination of this official who stood in their way on November 1, and the incriminating papers were found in Nikolayev's pocket, according to the prosecutor.

The rebels were teaching their followers that the ills of the Soviet Union were due to the policies of Stalin, Kaganovich and Molotov, and that it was impossible to overthrow them peacefully. Hence, they argued, it was necessary to resort to violence and since they were not strong nor numerous they must work in secret and slay their enemies one by one.—*United Press.*

END OF NAVAL TREATY

FORMAL NOTICE ON SATURDAY

WASHINGTON INFORMED

(Special to "Telegraph")

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Washington, Dec. 26.

The Japanese Ambassador, Mr. Saito, announced to-day that he would deliver on Saturday formal notice of Japan's abrogation of the Washington Treaty.

The Japanese embassies in other capitals would notify other signatories of the treaty of the abrogation.

Japan postponed notification until almost the very last minute, possibly to avoid the technical responsibility of breaking up the naval powers' conversations in London, it is suggested here.

Mr. Norman Davis, who has been in charge of the United States delegation at the naval talks in London, will be on his way across the Atlantic on Saturday. Therefore, in the Japanese view, his departure will mean that the United States acted first in ending the naval conversations by withdrawing her delegation's chief.

The fact is, however, that the talks failed a week ago, when the powers discovered that it was impossible to reach a compromise.—*United Press.*

CHINESE DEPORTED

Tsingtao, Dec. 27.

Another batch of Chinese, numbering twenty-two, has been deported by the Japanese Government. Their property has been confiscated, according to reports.

They arrived here yesterday from Osaka on board a Japanese steamer. They will appeal to the Chinese Government to take steps to obtain redress.—*Central News.*

M. Trotsky, whose reinstatement, with the aid of a foreign Power or Powers, is reported to have been recently planned.

Ellsworth's Antarctic Air Quest

FLIES TO POLAR CONTINENT

EXPEDITIONS TO JOIN

(Special to "Telegraph")

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Dunedin, Dec. 27.

The explorer, Lincoln Ellsworth, has realised the principal object of the Ellsworth-Wilkins Antarctic expedition.

On Christmas Day he completed a flight from Deception Island, south of the Shetland group, to the far end of Weddell Sea, and thence to Little America, a distance of 265 miles.

The expedition hoped to discover whether the vast Antarctic continent was a single piece of land or whether it was divided by a sea channel.

Particulars of the flight have not yet been received.

The Byrd expedition is also in Antarctica and the two exploration companies will shortly join forces.—*Reuter Special.*

FIRE DESTROYS PAPER STORE

SHAMSHUIPO BLAZE YESTERDAY

A paper store at No. 249 Kee Lung Street, Shamshuipo, was destroyed by a fire which occurred yesterday afternoon shortly after one o'clock.

The outbreak caused considerable alarm in the neighbourhood because of the large quantity of paper stored by the firm, which also occupies Nos. 251 and 253.

With the prompt arrival of the Fire Brigade, however, the fire was extinguished within forty minutes. It was found that damage has been confined to goods stored on the ground floor of No. 249.

The owner estimates the damage to be about $1,000. The store was insured.

SEVEN YEARS' SAVINGS

WOMAN ROBBED OF $26

Over $26, which she claims to represent the savings of seven years, was stolen from a woman earth-carrier yesterday morning after she was decoyed by two men, by a promise of employment, to a vacant floor at 962 Canton Road, Yaumati.

After binding the woman, the robbers made good their escape.

Closing The Saar Frontier

PRECAUTIONS OF PLEBISCITE

CALM STILL PREVAILS

(Special to "Telegraph")

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Saarbruecken, Dec. 26.

The frontiers of the Saar will be closed at midnight and from that time onwards the only persons who will be allowed to enter the area will be those in possession of permits, properly signed by authoritative persons.

The frontier will be closed until January 26.

The Governing Commission announces that it is taking this action with a view to excluding undesirable elements which might cause trouble during the plebiscite, before or after it.

Meanwhile, conditions remain quiet. 'There have been no indications that there will be need for intervention of the foreign troops on duty here.—*Reuter Special.*

INCIDENTS UNLIKELY

Saarbruecken, Dec. 26.

Any prospect of incidents disturbing the peace of the Saar before or after the plebiscite is most unlikely in view of the good relations being steadily established between the foreign soldiers and the inhabitants.

A big crowd to-day listened to and applauded the band of the Essex Regiment in the market-place at Neuenkirchen.

British troops everywhere appear to be on the best of terms with the Saarlanders, who frequently offer them drinks and cigarettes as a token of friendship.

One of the men of the Essex Regiment said:—"This is not a half bad spot; these blokes are quite friendly. I've had more drinks offered me in the last few days than during a long time in England."—*Reuter Special.*

CRUISER STRIKES BIG JUNK

GIRL FEARED DROWNED

MISHAP IN HARBOUR

Last evening when the Italian cruiser Quarto, commanded by Captain Brodeversi, was leaving port for Saigon, she had the misfortune to run into a big cargo junk, which was overturned as a result of the impact.

All the crew were thrown into the harbour, but were saved with the exception of a girl, aged about five years, who is believed to have been drowned.

It appears that a launch towing a junk had come round the s.s. Chinhua which was tied up to a buoy and crossed the Quarto's buoy, and the cruiser, in attempting to avoid a collision, struck one of a number of junks alongside the Chinhua.

The junk capsized, and the crew, together with a cargo of rice, were precipitated into the water. All managed to clamber on to other junks, excepting the small girl.

After the collision, men from the Quarto went aboard the Chinhua to make investigations, and later came ashore and reported the incident to the police, the cruiser later leaving for Saigon.

HOME FOOTBALL

The results of yesterday's Home football matches will be found on Page Eight.

M. Stalin, whose murder coupled with the reinstatement of M. Trotsky, is alleged to have been plotted by those concerned in the death of M. Kirov.

Riverboat Strike Plan Maturing

GUILD ADHERES TO DECISION

WALK-OUT ON SATURDAY

The China Coast Officers' Guild's decision to call a strike at midnight on Saturday in respect of Chinese-owned steamers whose owners are not paying the arbitration scale of wages remains unaltered, stated Mr. W. E. Kirby, Secretary of the Guild, this morning.

Mr. Kirby added that the only new development in the situation was that one or two of the owners concerned had invited masters to attend their offices, for a purpose which has not been disclosed.

The masters who have such invitations will comply with them, and, if any fresh offer is made, will report to the Guild.

The Guild is holding a meeting this afternoon to discuss the strike issue.

All the vessels involved, except the Wing Lee, which is on the Hoihow run, are engaged in river services, either between Hongkong and Canton or between Hongkong and Kongmoon. They will all be in Hongkong on the date fixed for the strike.

10,000 SETTLERS FOR MANCHURIA

JAPANESE TO FARM FRONTIER LAND

Changchun, Dec. 27

The Japanese-Manchukuo Colonisation Company, a Government controlled concern, has decided to settle at least 10,000 Japanese subjects in Northern Manchuria during the first year of their programme. Five districts bordering Soviet territory in eastern Kirin Province will be assigned for the first colonisation zone.

The Japanese-Manchukuo Colonisation Company is a newly formed concern with a capital of $50,000,000 for the purpose of settling a large number of unemployed Japanese and Korean farmers in Manchuria.—*Central News.*

SIKANG'S GOVERNOR

Nanking, Dec. 26.

The Executive Yuan of the National Government has appointed General Liu Wen-hui as the first Chairman of the Provincial Government of Sikang, which is created a province, and is no longer under old special administrative area system.—*Central News.*

BRITAIN STRIKING AT GOLD BLOC

VIRTUAL ADMISSION TO WASHINGTON

AMERICAN PURCHASES OF SILVER TO CONTINUE

Washington, Dec. 26.

According to advices received here in official quarters, the British Government has virtually admitted that it intends to force the nations of the Gold Bloc, which are backed by the vast gold holdings of France and Switzerland, to retreat from their position.

According to financial experts here, a break in the Gold Bloc cannot be avoided very much longer.

Further, it is learned that silver purchasing is likely to be resumed in the immediate future by the United States Treasury Department.

CHINESE SILVER POLICY

INFLATION NOT CONSIDERED

BUYING H.K. BULLION

Shanghai, Dec. 27.

Out of a welter of rumours, reports and denials regarding the future policy of the National Government in relation to silver come two most definite statements from General Chiang Kai-shek and Mr. H. H. Kung, Minister of Finance, both of whom declare that there is no intention on the part of the Government to devalue the silver dollar.

Mr. Kung definitely states that rumour-mongers have been exciting the financial market to their own advantage with reports that the Government intended to devalue the dollar, adopt a policy of inflation and adopt a standard paper currency. These he denies.

General Chiang Kai-shek, in a special interview at Fenghua, corroborates Mr. Kung's statements.

In order to meet the present silver shortage in Shanghai, it is freely reported that $20,000,000 worth of silver is being sent from Hongkong to Shanghai.—*Reuter.*

Nye Extending Investigation

PROMISED FINANCIAL SUPPORT

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Washington, Dec. 26.

After conferring with President Roosevelt, Senator Nye, Chairman of the Arms Investigation Committee, announced that the President had assured him that the Government would in every way co-operate with the Committee.

The President further stated that he had endorsed the appropriation of additional funds for the prupose of carrying on the investigations.

Senator Nye recently announced that provided Congress made the necessary appropriations, the Committee's investigations would be extended to banking and shipbuilding.—*Reuter Special.*

THREAT TO LOOT SUPPRESSED

Peking, Dec. 26.

A large group of rascals, styling themselves members of the Poor Men's Society, committed violence in Paoti District to-day.

They laid siege to a local police headquarters and disarmed a number of police. They threatened to loot and set fire to buildings, but they were fortunately held in check by the timely arrival of police reinforcements.—*Central News.*

However, the importation of gold into the United States is also likely to continue, according to financial quarters.

BRITISH RECOVERY

Probably one of the most convincing indications of Great Britain's near approach to complete economic recovery is the fact that bank note circulation has reached the record-breaking high level of £400,000,000.

This immense figure indicates the largest holiday expenditure since the banner year of 1921.

U. S. REHABILITATION

The Administration now knows that recovery cannot be bought and that the rehabilitation of private business and industry is the only feasible solution of the economic problem. The Government's policies are now moving in that direction, it is intimated.

Given a favourable political atmosphere in which to operate, American industry can stage a comprehensive come-back, developing almost boom conditions within a year or two.

President Roosevelt cannot drop his power programme, the main purposes of which are to squeeze the water out of certain holding companies and later to bring the rates of operating companies down by the setting up of plants which will serve as yard-sticks.

The Administration would not be so insistent in its demand for lower electric rates if it were not convinced that no monetary inflation is in sight.—*Per Swan, Culbertson and Fritz.*

LONDON'S VIEW

London, Dec. 26.

The immediate outlook for the American stock market is obscured by the renewed weakness of public utility issues.

The strength of domestic bonds and continued good news from business circles may cause the industrial share market to ignore the utility situation, thereby causing a rise to higher levels.—*Swan, Culbertson and Fritz.*

RYDER CUP DATE SET

BATTLE IN U.S. IN SEPTEMBER

New York, Dec. 26.

The President's office of the Professional Golfers' Association to-day announced the date of the Ryder Cup golf contest, September 28 and 29.

America will defend the trophy, the British players arriving early in September to limber up for the greatest test of skill that golfing knows.

Although, of all sporting events the Ryder Cup match is probably the most uncertain, America is favoured to retain the trophy this year. The teams have not yet been selected, but will shortly be announced.—*Reuter.*

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FILMLAND NEWS

George Arliss and Norma Shearer Popular

BRITISH PLEBISCITE

Who are the most popular film stars in Britain?

According to one analysis the premier position among male players is held by George Arliss, and among women by Norma Shearer.

This is one result brought out by the Sidney L. Bernstein questionnaire, Bernstein is associated with several cinemas in London and the provinces, and some time ago he invited patrons to answer a variety of questions on film topics. A quarter of a million questionnaires were issued, and of these almost exactly half were returned completed.

One of the questions asked filmgoers to name their favourite actors and actresses. The voting placed the male stars in the following order of popularity:—

1	George Arliss.	27	Gary Cooper.
2	Clark Gable.	28	Walter Huston.
3	Wallace Beery.	29	Bing Crosby.
4	Clive Brook.	30	John Barrymore.
5	Robert Montgomery.	31	Douglas Fairbanks, jun.
6	Ronald Colman.	32	Paul Lukas.
7	Jack Hulbert.	33	Spencer Tracy.
8	Lionel Barrymore.	34	Lewis Stone.
9	Charles Laughton.	35	Charles Farrell.
10	Tom Walls.	36	Paul Muni.
11	Warner Baxter.	37	Stan Laurel.
12	Fredric March.	38	Otto Kruger.
13	Conrad Veidt.	39	Oliver Hardy.
14	Herbert Marshall.	40	Lionel Atwill.
15	Leslie Howard.	41	Cary Grant.
16	Jack Holt.	42	Lee Tracy.
17	Jack Buchanan.	43	Ricardo Cortez.
18	Eddie Cantor.	44	Dick Powell.
19	Maurice Chevalier.	45	Edward G. Robinson.
20	George Raft.	46	H. B. Warner.
21	Ramon Navarro.	47	Franchot Tone.
22	Ralph Lynn.	48	Richard Dix.
23	William Powell.	49	Sydney Howard.
24	John Boles.	50	Gordon Harker.
25	James Cagney.		
26	Richard Arlen.		

Marie Dressler Second

The female stars were rated in the following order of popularity:—

1	Norma Shearer.	27	Fay Wray.
2	Marie Dressler.	28	Ruby Keeler.
3	Greta Garbo.	29	Lilian Harvey.
4	Kay Francis.	30	Winifred Shotter.
5	Marlene Dietrich.	31	Irene Dunne.
6	Katherine Hepburn.	32	Sylvia Sidney.
7	Gracie Fields.	33	Marion Davies.
8	Janet Gaynor.	34	Ruth Chatterton.
9	Joan Crawford.	35	Elizabeth Allen.
10	Claudette Colbert.	36	Joan Bennett.
11	Jean Harlow.	37	Miriam Hopkins.
12	Cicely Courtneidge.	38	May Robson.
13	Diana Wynyard.	39	Sally Eilers.
14	Jessie Matthews.	40	Constance Cummings.
15	Joan Blondell.	42	Zasu Pitts.
16	Madeleine Carroll.	42	Carole Lombard.
17	Mae West.	43	Anna Neagle.
18	Ann Harding.	44	Nancy Carroll.
19	Loretta Young.	45	Ginger Rogers.
20	Madge Evans.	46	Alison Skipworth.
21	Myrna Loy.	46	Victoria Hopper.
22	Constance Bennett.	47	Frances Dee.
23	Barbara Stanwyck.	48	Hebe Daniels.
24	Jeanette MacDonald.	49	Mary Brough.
25	Helen Hayes.	50	
26	Elissa Landi.		

To provide an interesting comparison with these figures, it may be pointed out that in 1928 the first six places among male stars were held by, in their order:—Ronald Colman, Richard Dix, Douglas Fairbanks, Adolphe Menjou, Syd Chaplin, Charlie Chaplin.

In 1932, the placings were:—Ronald Colman, Clive Brook, George Arliss, Robert Montgomery, Maurice Chevalier, John Boles.

The popularity of female stars in 1928 was:—Dolores del Rio and Betty Balfour (equal), Clara Bow, Esther Ralston, Vilma Banky, Florence Vidor, Mary Pickford.

The order in 1932 was:—Norma Shearer, Constance Bennett, Marie Dressler, Ruth Chatterton, Janet Gaynor, Greta Garbo.

Clark Gable's Big Rise

Further comparison between the favourite male stars of 1932 and 1934 reveals that Clark Gable has risen from position 28 to second place, and Wallace Beery from position 10 to third place. Maurice Chevalier, on the other hand, has dropped from fifth to nineteenth, and John Boles from sixth to twenty-third.

George Arliss's popularity appears to be universal in sexes and ages; Clark Gable gains a little from the women in all age groups.

The most notable exclusive sex likes are the popularity of Warner Baxter, Herbert Marshall, and Fredric March among women; and the popularity of Jack Hulbert, Charles Laughton, Lionel Barrymore, and Tom Walls among men.

The precedence of Clark Gable among patrons of less than 21 years of age is naturally to be expected. A little surprising, however, is the second place of Clive Brook among older patrons, and the special popularity of Jack Hulbert among the under 21's.

In 1932 the leading British actor in the popularity contest was Ralph Lynn, seventh in the general list. He was followed by Tom Walls (eighth) and Jack Buchanan (eighteenth.) The position in 1934 is:—Jack Hulbert (7), Charles Laughton (9), Tom Walls (10), Herbert Marshall (14), Jack Buchanan (17), Ralph Lynn (22).

Among female stars, compared with 1932, Kay Francis has risen from twelfth to fourth, and Marlene Dietrich from tenth to fifth, while Katharine Hepburn, who did not figure in the 1932 questionnaire results, now occupies sixth place.

Constance Bennett Slump

Constance Bennett, on the other hand, has dropped from second to thirty-second, Ruth Chatterton from fourth to eighteenth, and Janet Gaynor from fifth to eighth.

Sex preferences show more men than women for Marlene Dietrich, and more women than men for Greta Garbo. Especially notable is the preference of men for Kay Francis and Jean Harlow, and the preference of women for Katharine Hepburn.

As for age preferences, in the above 40 class Marie Dressler even beats Norma Shearer. Gracie Fields draws most of her popularity from among the older patrons, and Jean Harlow from among the younger.

Among British actresses Madeleine Carroll led in 1932, followed by Yvonne Arnaud. The 1934 position is:—Gracie Fields, Cicely Courtneidge, Diana Wynyard, Jessie Matthews, Madeleine Carroll.

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TURKISH WORKERS' SAFEGUARD

PENALTIES FOR STRIKES

Istanbul, Dec. 19.

Turkish workers are to have a labour law to safeguard them shortly.

The bill drawn up by the National Economy ministry has been examined by the highest judicial body in the country, the State Council and is to be submitted immediately to the National Assembly.

Strikes and lock-outs come under severe penalties for the instigators responsible or for agitators. The differences between workers and owners are to be smoothed by arbitration committees which will sit under the highest State functionary of the locality.

Obligatory insurance is imposed for the first time, three quarters being payable by the owner and one quarter by the workers.

For adult males only the working day is to be eight hours and extra hours are to be paid double. All workers must have written contracts.

WORKINGMEN OFFENDED

JOKER LANDS IN PRISON CAMP

Kassel, Dec. 21.

A practical joke landed Alfred Thill, a shop-keeper in the nearby village of Volkmarsen, in the concentration camp.

Thill, upon request of the local rabbit breeders' society to donate prizes for their annual show, had sent them a couple of old tin cans, a musty baby bottle, and an alarm clock without works and hands, all of the "prizes" amply covered with dust and dirt.

The district Nazi authorities made out that this action of Thill's constituted a slight on the workingmen who made up the local rabbit breeders' society.—*United Press.*

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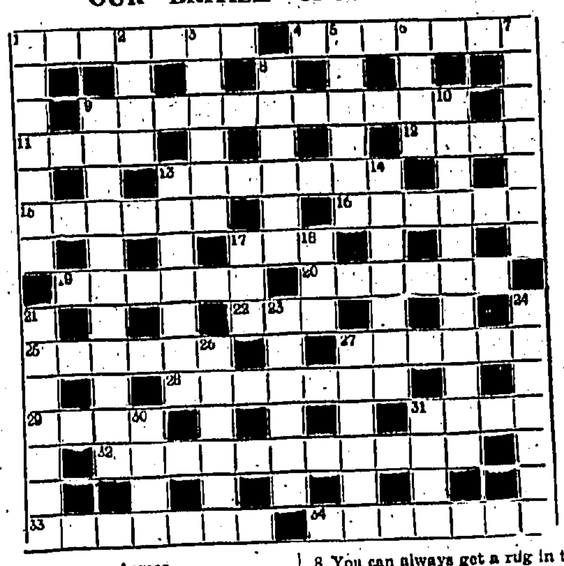

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31 Darkens 5 down in the East, but it doesn't make them as dark as it sounds.
32 Its feature consists of twin peaks, and it suggests Fenimore Cooper (hyphen).
33 It's not so nice with a centre of Italian wine.
34 Proof of will.

Down

1 Cup-bearers.
2 Conduct metal?
3 You have two of them, and let's hope you are not out at them!
5 You can get them from the cat but we lost most of them last summer.
6 Mental condition upset by fate.
7 Wednesday's dish?
8 You can always get a rug in this famous old town.
9 "Bee lack'd bib" (anag. hyphen).
10 He doesn't succeed.
13 Identical word.
14 A great painter.
17 Time to grow old.
18 The border of deprecation.
21 Suspend business and go to another place.
23 Teal, for example, anagrammatically.
24 You can make a real pet of this good man.
26 Origin mostly acid.
27 Found behind the counter, and that he is too.
30 A word you often hear in a 9 Across.
31 In a fog a motorist will no doubt shave it.

Yesterday's Solution.

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MYSTERIES OF MANDARINS

INDIAN LOVE POTIONS

(By A Correspondent)

The rapid advance of science and the general progress of civilisation have been unable to give perfumes superior or more effective in their results than those already in common use in the East. The wonderful blending of herbs and flowers, which combine to produce the intoxicating odours often smelt in the East, are still the secret of those who so cunningly compounded them.

The particular perfume most popular in the East is, as a matter of fact, distilled in most countries, but the secret preparation of the Indian equivalent, "golab," is still a mystery to those who attempt to probe and analyse its constituents. It is a widely-used scent in the palaces and harems of maharajahs, most of whom have in their employ skilled perfumiers to whom the secret has been handed down for many generations, and who are so jealous of their skill that they make just a sufficient quantity for the use of their master's household, and favoured indeed is the minion on whom they choose to bestow a few precious drops.

Eastern perfumes generally have a heavy clinging odour, but that is because they have not been properly prepared. Take, for example, the smell of sandalwoods. Here we have a perfume, so delicious and yet so delightfully Eastern that a mere suggestion of it conjures up visions of hanging draperies, marble arches, and cool sparkling fountains. Here is the haven of seductive rest, made particularly attractive with the knowledge of the burning sun outside.

A WONDERFUL RESTORATIVE

It was while on a visit to a relative in one of the native States in India that I was given a taste of what could really be done by the wizards that concoct these perfumes. It is midsummer and twenty hours on a camel's back was not calculated to increase my comfort materially. With aching limbs and infinite physical discomfort, I dismounted outside my cousin's "mankam" at Raitpore. I was burning with fever, and my tired bones could obtain no ease, till the family "hakim" approached and, unscrewing a wooden case, extracted a little metal phial. Taking care that not a drop was spilt, he applied the bottle to my nostrils. I had barely taken a sniff when he withdrew his hand hastily. I knew no more till the light of morning awakened me, fit and well, free from racking pain.

I cajoled the old man in vain for the secret of his drug; for sold in the market place, it would have assured the fortune of those who compounded it.

THE SMELL OF DEATH

Another such scent is the secret of certain unscrupulous Mong Siam mandarins, who choose to ruin any who have thwarted them. They get their agents to seek out the victim, and after having made his acquaintance, to offer him a small sample of their wonderful aromatic drug. None who have once taken a breath of it can rest contented unless he has it continually by his side, and men have risked their lives for as much as would fill a thimble. But it is fatal, for though its action is microscopic, it is sure and steady, and eats away the brain till the victim turns an imbecile and ends his life raving frantically for more. It is known in Mongolia as the "Smell of Death," and to this day has defied analysis.

Musk and civet are widely used in secret Eastern perfumes, the musk having an odour quite unlike anything else, and the civet smelling evilly till combined with alcoholic tincture, when it takes on a pleasing odour. Apart from the widely known scents that contain a proportion of civet, there is a secret Indian scent, which is in wide demand. This scent is used in the same way as the love-philtre of old, though its influence on sane men is a thousand times more powerful.

Luigi Pirandello, Italian dramatist who is best known in America for his "Six Characters in Search of an Author," is the recipient of the Nobel Prize for literature, it was announced in Stockholm. He is the third Italian writer to receive the award.

One taste of it is calculated to fill the imagination with physical thoughts, and it has an unpleasant sensuality about it from which it is exceedingly difficult to escape. It is used exclusively by certain wealthy natives in the East, who keep it to lure on to destruction those who captivate them. What chance has a poor caged girl, when once in the clutches of a nefarious captor? Ostensibly he is the very essence of courtliness, and her humble slave, but added to the droning languorous beat of the sensual music that is played, the hushed atmosphere, and the dimmed lighting, is the intoxicating effect of this mystic drug that assails his helpless prey. There is no need for him to command, he can bend her to his will as he pleases. The pity of it all is that under the diabolical influence of this drug, the senses are numbed, clear thinking is impossible, the reason gives way to inclination.

When in the gay, bad city of Calcutta, I paid frequent visits to Chitpore, in the heart of the native quarter, to see for myself if the stories of the sweet-smelling drug, "bhusoo," were true. The drug has a sickly scent and is not unlike wet straw and sawdust. It is rather pungent, and if inhaled deeply sends the inhaler off into a deep sleep. Men of the "goonda" class (apaches), inviegle victims into their dens and give them quantities of this scent. When they go off into a sleep they are robbed of every penny, and taken out and left in the street or in a clump of jungle. Very often every stitch of clothing they possess is taken and they are left naked and unashamed.

WONDERFUL DREAMS

All the while they are dreaming the most wonderful dreams, and are living a life of imaginary pleasure. They naturally get a rude shock when they awake in the cold grey morning, and are compelled to beg from passers-by.

Certain poisonous and also several medicated scents are common in the East. There is a famous bouquet, which is often given to victims of mild insect or snake poisoning. It cures, but in an indirect manner, causing violent eruption of the skin, through which the accumulated poisons eject themselves. I have often seen "yogis" administering a sweet-smelling herb to patients bitten by snakes whose stings were not fatal. Once I examined a patient, and was astounded to see the eruptions coming out under my eyes.

The effect on the poor man was terrible, for he kept leaping about in agony as the poison worked its way out through his skin, and I believe it was some time before he could lie down in comfort.

YEAR'S TOLL BY FLOOD AND STORM

RECORD HEAT WAVES

EUROPE BADLY INJURED

London, Dec. 11.

Exceptionally heavy rainfalls, followed by devastating floods, and the almost complete lack of drought periods, were the outstanding weather feature in several eastern hemisphere countries, during the first eight months of 1934.

Poland suffered the heaviest damage, with about 600 lives lost and $250,000,000 damages during the great June floods, while two villages were wiped out and 60 people drowned in Norway, when thousands of tons of rock crashed in a narrow fjord causing 200 ft. high waves, in the most unusual European disaster of the year.

Both the Northern and Southern regions of Africa were also hit by torrential rains, which caused record-breaking floods.

The highest Nile flood for over 40 years was experienced last August in Egypt, where many towns and villages, and some Cairo suburbs were partly inundated. In Bechuanaland, Southern Africa, the Molopo River at Kalahari, which last had water in 1896, was on April 7 in full flood.

INDIA'S SHARE

India, as usual, came in for the largest world's share of floods, with Rangoon heading the list of damaged towns.

As a contrast, abnormally warm weather was experienced in many parts of Europe about the middle of April. In Switzerland snow melted rapidly on the mountains and rivers were as much swollen as they usually are at the beginning of June.

Floods were reported in Rumania during January and navigation was held up by ice at Braila on January 10. No snow or rain fell for nearly three weeks in many parts of Switzerland.

Belgium came in for its share of unusual weather in March and April. A violent storm, accompanied by hail, swept the Province of Brabant in March. Rain fell unceasingly for three days. On April 17, during a thunderstorm, a passenger train was struck by lightning near Namur.

While a hailstorm wrought great havoc among the vineyards of Tokay, Hungary, drought destroyed crops in the southern regions of Russia during May.

SUMMER FLOODS

The worst weather in Poland Ukrain, Jugo-Slavia, Rumania and Switzerland occurred almost uninterruptedly during July, August and September, when terrific floods resulted in great loss of life and enormous damage.

Severe floods and excessive rains were experienced in British Guiana during January, while bush fires occurred in South Australia early in March. A heat wave struck that region from the 3rd to the 11th, when thermometers registered 110.5 degrees Farenheit in Adelaide on the 9th—the highest temperature ever recorded in March.

Severe gales were experienced at Karachi, on May 9. Two inches of rain fell in 45 minutes, and 25 people were killed. Another cloudburst on a similar scale occurred the following day. At the end of the month, a heat wave hit the Madras Presidency, while the moonsoon rain had not reached Burma by May 21, which constitutes a record for nearly 50 years.

Heavy rains in the Himalayas caused disastrous floods in parts of Assam, East Bengal and Bihar late in June. Many villages were submerged and crops destroyed. A great sandstorm swept over the Khartoum district, Egypt, on June 7, and was followed by heavy rain. Similar floods occurred in August in Bombay province. West of Rajshaly the embankments of the Ganges gave way and hundreds of villages were flooded, during September.

Full of Herr Hitler's praises wherever he goes, Herr Rudolf Hess, the Nazi Chieftain's deputy, is pictured greeting local leaders in Dresden.

Sir Charles Kingsford Smith will have rivals for distance flying in Pangbourn and Turner, the Americans, who plan to circle the Globe, non stop. Here is Sir Charles having a look at Melbourne in the plane with which he spanned the Pacific, the Shrine of Remembrance below.

Rare are photographs of Mr. Geoffrey George Knox, chairman of the League of Nations Commission governing the Saar territory. Here you see him seated at his desk in his official residence (inset) in Saarbruecken, capital of the troubled region.

The cornerstones of the Shanghai City Government's projected library, and museum buildings were laid recently by Mayor Wu Teh-chen with appropriate ceremonies and before a large audience. The Mayor is shown here as he placed a bronze casket into the library building.

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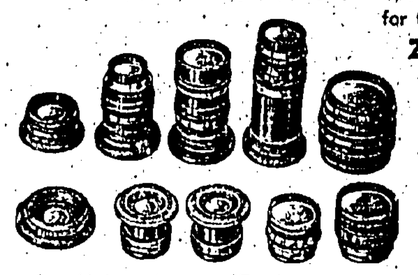

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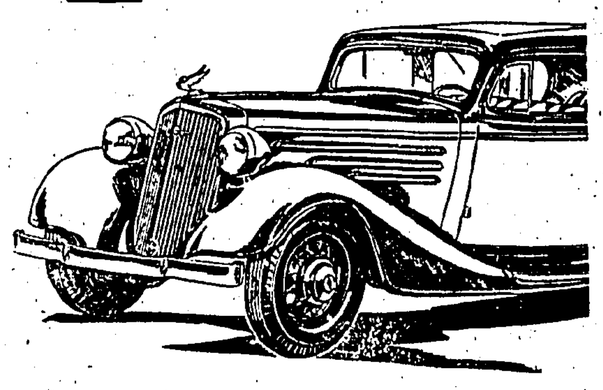

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LONG ARM OF LAW

CANADIAN MOUNTIES REACH ACROSS THE ATLANTIC

London, Dec. 26.

The long arm of the Canadian Police, reached out across the Atlantic to-day, when extradition proceedings were commenced at Bow Street Police Court against a young Nova Scotian, William Alexander Yule.

Yule was brought before the Court on a provisional warrant under the Fugitive Defendants' Act, and was accused, among other things, of conspiring to introduce alcoholic liquor into foreign countries into which their import was prohibited.

Following a preliminary hearing of the charge, to which Yule pleaded not guilty, the court was adjourned.

The action is probably a sequel to the sensational proceedings recently against a number of prominent Montreal business men, who were rounded up by the secret service branch of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and charged with smuggling alcohol into Canada from the United States.

The material thus obtained was mixed with other ingredients and was re-exported into the United States as matured liquor, it is alleged.—*Reuter.*

Cheng Kan-fat, unemployed, was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour by Mr. W. M. Thomson, at the Central Magistracy yesterday morning, on a charge of larceny of four tins and 188 packets of cigarettes from No. 214 Johnston Road, ground floor. Inspector McLellan stated that complainant, Ng Sin-hing, was asleep inside the shop when he was awakened about 4 a.m. yesterday by the noise of something being broken outside. He rushed out, and found defendant in the act of finishing packing a bag with the cigarettes, from a case which he had broken open.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.

ARMS LICENCES.

Holders of arms licences are reminded that Arms Licences are due for renewal on 1st January, 1935, (Fee $10.00 per licence). Licencees should call at the Accounts Office, Police Headquarters between the hours of 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. daily (Sundays and Public Holidays excepted), with their arms and licences.

T. H. KING,
Inspector General of Police.
Hongkong, 27th December, 1934.

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Three applications for admission to practice in H. M. Supreme Court at Shanghai were made on Friday to Judge A. G. Mossop, who took the unusual course of considering them in the absence of the applicants, who were in Hongkong. The three were Mr. Frederick Edmund Nash, Mr. Donald Brittan Evans, and Mr. Ferdinand Gerald Nigel.

Mr. Victor Priestwood, Acting Crown Advocate, in endorsing the applications, said that, in the case of Mr. Nash, he was admitted to the Supreme Court of Judicature in England on December 3, 1919, and he was also admitted a solicitor of the Supreme Court of Hongkong on March 16, 1920.

The Judge: When I was recently in Hongkong, I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Nash, who appeared before me in the Chief Judge's chambers. Mr. Nash, Mr. Donald Brittan Evans, and Mr. Ferdinand Gerald Nigel indicated that they were desirous of being admitted to practice in H.B.M's. Court in China, and, having had the opportunity of meeting them, I agreed to vary the procedure in their cases by allowing them to file their applications here, together with their affidavits, and also to forego the usual affidavit of fitness, upon their applications being certified by the Chief Justice of Hongkong, who kindly consented to this course.

The Judge thereupon admitted all three to practice, and added:—"I would like to state that these three cases are exceptional, and, had I not been myself in Hongkong, and had the opportunity of meeting these gentlemen there, they would otherwise have had to come up here themselves. The procedure we have followed this morning is in no sense entitled to vary the general directions which have been laid down by my predecessors in this Court in the case of Mr. Levinson, 1920."

POST OFFICE.

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RADIO NOTICE

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INWARD MAILS.

Europe vin Suez (Letters & Papers) London, 29th November—and Parcels, London 22nd November.	Naldera	December 27.
Calcutta, Straits and Air Mail ex Amsterdam—Bandoeng Service (Amsterdam 12th December).	Talma	December 27.
Japan	Toyama Maru	December 27.
Japan and Shanghai	Corfu	December 28.
Saigon and Air Mail ex Marseilles-Saigon Service (Marseilles, 12th December)	Felix Roussel	December 28.
Manila	General Pershing	December 28.
Japan	Lisbon Maru	December 28.
Manila	Pres. Coolidge	December 28.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai (Seattle, 8th December).	Pres. Jackson	December 28.
Japan	Tokushima Maru	December 28.
Straits	Ginyo Maru	December 29.
Straits	Morioka Maru	December 29.
Straits	Calchas	December 31.
Shanghai	Andre Lebon	January 1.
Japan	Bokuyo Maru	January 1.
Japan	Hawaii Maru	January 1.
Shanghai	Memnon	January 2.
Australia and Manila	Nellore	January 2.
Amoy	Santhia	January 2.
Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver B.C., 15th December)	Emp. of Japan	January 4.
Calcutta and Straits	Hosang	January 4.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, 7th December)	Pres. Harrison	January 4.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date and Time
Thursday.		
Straits	Hongkheng	Thurs., Dec. 27, 1.30 p.m.
Foochow vin Swatow	Hunan	Thurs., Dec. 27, 1.30 p.m.
Amoy	Tjisadane	Thurs., Dec. 27, 1.30 p.m.
Fort Bayard	Tai Poo Sek	Thurs., Dec. 27, 2.30 p.m.
Swatow	Hydrangea	Thurs., Dec. 27, 3 p.m.
Friday.		
Shanghai and *Japan	Naldera	Fri., Dec. 28, 10.30 a.m.
Holhow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Kwangtung	Fri., Dec. 28, 1 p.m.
Shanghai and *Japan	Felix Roussel	Fri., Dec. 28, 4.30 p.m.
Manila, Rabaul, Australia and New Zealand via Brisbane. (Due Brisbane, 14th January, 1935).	Nankin Parcels, Reg., Letters,	Fri., Dec. 28, Dec. 28, Noon. Dec. 28, 1.45 p.m. Dec. 28, 2.30 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haining	Fri., Dec. 28, 3 p.m.
*Shanghai, *Japan and *San Francisco (Due San Francisco, 20th Jan.)	General Pershing	Fri., Dec. 28, 5 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A. Central and South America, Canada, and *Europe via San Francisco, and *Europe via Siberia (Due San Francisco, 16th Jan.)	President Coolidge Parcels, Reg., Letters,	Fri., Dec. 28. Dec. 28, 3 p.m. Dec. 28, 4.15 p.m. Dec. 28, 5 p.m.
Saturday.		
Letters for "Bandoeng—Amsterdam Air Mail Service."	Corfu	Sat., Dec. 29,
K.P.O. Reg., Dec. 28, 4.30 p.m. Letters, Dec. 28, 5 p.m.	G.P.O. Reg., Dec. 29, 9 a.m. Letters, Dec. 29, 9.30 a.m.	
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, *East and *South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles —due Marseilles, 25th January	Corfu	Sat., Dec. 29.
K. P. O. Parcels, Dec. 28, 4.30 p.m. Reg., Dec. 29, 9 a.m. Letters, Dec. 29, 10 a.m.	G. P. O. Parcels, Dec. 28, 5 p.m. Reg., Dec. 29, 9.45 a.m. Letters, Dec. 29, 10.30 a.m.	
Manila	Pres. Jackson	Sat., Dec. 29, 4.30 p.m.
Shanghai	Sunning	Sat., Dec. 29, 5 p.m.
Sunday.		
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Canton Maru	Sun., Dec. 30, 9 a.m.
Tuesday.		
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haiyang	Tues., Jan. 1, 9 a.m.
Batavia	Tjisalak	Tues., Jan. 1, 9 a.m.
Wednesday.		
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritus, East and South Africa	Hawaii Maru	Wed., Jan. 2, 2.30 p.m.
Friday.		
Japan, Honolulu, *San Francisco—due San Francisco, 6th February —and *South Africa	Bokuyo Maru	Fri., Jan. 4, 10.30 a.m.
Sandakan	Hinsang	Fri., Jan. 4, 10.30 a.m.
Haiphong	Canton	Fri., Jan. 4, 2 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haiching	Fri., Jan. 4, 2 p.m.
Manila	Emp. of Japan	Fri., Jan. 4, 3.30 p.m.
Shanghai and Japan	Hakozaki Maru	Fri., Jan. 4, 3.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles —due Marseilles, 2nd February	Hakone Maru	Fri., January 4.
K. P. O. Reg., Jan. 4, 4.30 p.m. Letters, Jan. 4, 4.30 p.m.	G. P. O. Reg., Jan. 4, 5.00 p.m. Letters, Jan. 4, 5.00 p.m.	

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THEATRE INCIDENT

TEAR GAS BOMB THROWN AT CANTON CINEMA

Canton, Dec. 26.

Cinema goers at the Nam Kwan Theatre in Wing Hon Road were much disturbed over the explosion of a tear gas bomb at the 9.15 performance on Christmas Eve. Excited spectators rushed for the entrance, fearing a riot.

Police were summoned, but made no arrests.—*Wah Kiu Yat Po.*

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NATIONAL CRISIS

NEW YEAR FESTIVITIES ABANDONED

Nanking, Dec. 26.

The Municipal Government has ordered officials not to spend the New Year holidays in improper amusements, due to the national crisis.

It has been announced that the usual official function on New Year's Day, and Mr. Lin Sen's reception to the diplomatic and consular representatives has been cancelled.—*Reuter.*

CLUB PRIZE-GIVING

CHRISTMAS PARTY HELD AT CIVIL SERVICE C.C.

Both adults and children enjoyed themselves at the annual prize-giving and Children's Christmas Party, held by the Civil Service Cricket Club at their grounds at Happy Valley yesterday.

The Christmas tree was placed in the centre of the grounds. There were various attractions, such as chutes, coconnut shies, Punch and Judy Show, Aunt Sally and an exhibition of conjuring.

The prizes and presents were distributed by Mrs. G. R. Sayer, who was the recipient of a vase of flowers.

Speaking on behalf of his wife, Mr. G. R. Sayer, the Director of Education, thanked the Committee for inviting his wife to present the prizes. On behalf of the Committee he thanked Mesdames Deakin, Alderman and Purvis for their great assistance in choosing the gifts for the children. Thanks were also expressed, on behalf of the Whist Drive Committee, to Mesdames Eccleshall, Alderman and Jones, for their services.

The role of Santa Claus was played by Mr. H. Millington.

The sports prize-winners were:

CRICKET

First Eleven.—Batting Prize, J. E. Richardson; Bowling Prize, F. Baker.

Second Eleven.—Batting Prize, J. F. McGowan; Bowling Prize, J. F. McGowan.

TENNIS

Men's Singles Handicap.—1, Mr. Shute; 2, Mr. Bendell.

Ladies' Singles Handicap.—1, Miss V. Bradbury; 2, Mrs. Old.

Ladies' Doubles Handicap.—1, Mrs. Shute and Mrs. Davies; 2, Mrs. Armstrong and Miss H. Grimmitt.

BOWLS

Club Championship.—F. Jones.
Runner up.—L. Collyer.
Handicap Winner.—F. Jones.
Runner up.—J. Purvis.
Doubles Handicap.—Jones and Davies.
Runners up.—Grimmitt and Sammond.

OTHER EVENTS

Boys' Race (over 12 under 16.)—1, D. Hollelgh; 2, Terry Lockhart.

Girls' Race (over 12 under 16.)—1, Blanche Bowles; 2, Jean Ewing.

Boys' Race (7 to 12).—1, Freddy Jones; 2, Vivian Lockhart.

Girls' Race (7 to 12.)—1, Patsy Wood; 2, Betty Allen.

Boys' Race (under 7.)—1, Victor Russell; 2, Boy Gauler.

Girls' Race (under 7).—1, Diane Deacon; 2, Barbara Jones.

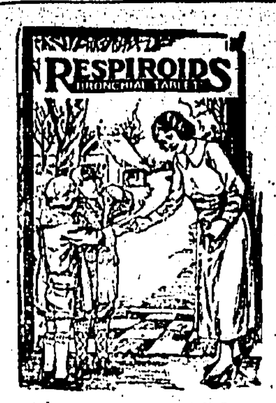
Ladies' Egg and Spoon Race.—1, Mrs. Bowles; 2, Mrs. Henderson.

Cocoanut Shy (Ladies).—1, Mrs. Henderson.

Cocoanut Shy (Men).—Mr. Millington.

Ball and Bucket Competition (Ladies).—Miss Baker.

Ball and Bucket Competition (Men.)—Mr. Grimmitt.



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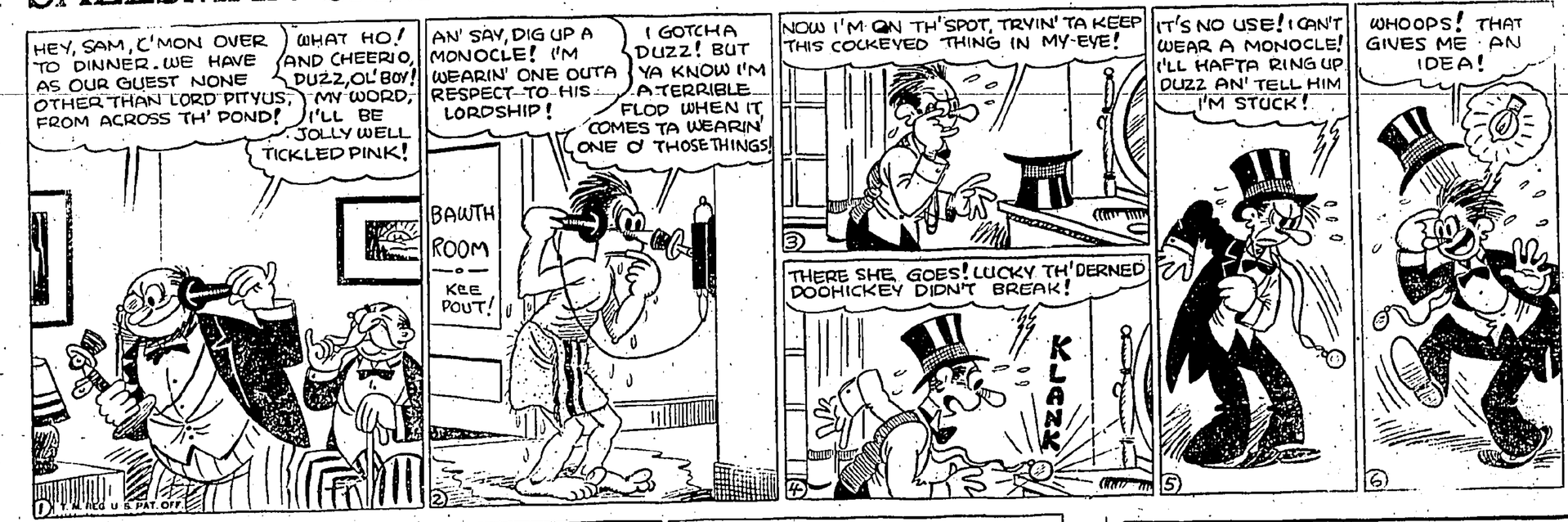

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THURSDAY, DEC. 27, 1934.

THE COLONY'S SLUM PROBLEM

The Colony's slum problem was touched upon at the recent annual meeting of the Society for the Protection of Children. That there is strong need for the demolition of much of the old property in the more congested districts of Hongkong there cannot be the least doubt. In particular does this apply to the tenement-house type of building, in which overcrowding is so marked. But it is perfectly true, as Mr. Kotewall pointed out in his remarks, that even if slum clearance is tackled successfully, the problem of overcrowding will remain until such time as the earnings of unskilled labour are such as to permit of the renting of more hygienic premises. For the great majority of the people with which the Society for the Protection of Children is concerned, more and better food and clothing are the prime necessities, with improved housing occupying a relatively secondary position. It will therefore be seen that the problem is basically an economic one, with poverty the dominating factor in a situation complicated, as His Excellency the Governor remarked, by the easy entry of poor and unemployed people from neighbouring territory. His Excellency confesses that he has been unable to find any remedy which will meet the case. Nor is it easy to see what immediately effective measures can be taken to deal with the problem. Ameliorative work is being done by the S.P.C. and other bodies, but, as we have previously had occasion to remark, this does not go to the root of the matter. None the less, this aspect of charitable endeavour is deserving of the utmost support; indeed, for the very reason that it represents the limit of endeavour at the moment, it is essential that its scope should be made as wide as possible; and this can only be done by the public seeing to it that ample funds are made available. On the general question of slum clearance, however, there is need for the adoption of a more vigorous policy than that at present followed. The poverty of the people is no sufficient reason for tolerating the existence of buildings which are totally unfit for human habitation, as so many of the old tenement-houses undoubtedly are. So long as these hovels are allowed to remain, so long will even ameliorative work amongst the people living in them lose much of its value and potency. In England at the moment, the authorities are waging a ruthless war on the slum evil; there is call for similar action here in Hongkong. Admittedly, new difficulties would emerge from such action, but it is for the authorities to meet these as they arise. In the long run, of course, only a raising of the standard of living will bring about any widespread relief, but in the meantime there are aspects of the problem which urgently call for attention.

NOTES OF THE DAY

RESCUED FROM IDLENESS

The controversial features of the Unemployment Act, which became law in Britain last June, have engaged much attention. But too little has been said about one of its phases which provided that all unemployed girls and boys between the ages of 14 and 18 might be required to go through courses at juvenile instruction centres. Education authorities are now endeavouring to meet the new demand upon their services. It should be understood that this far-reaching reform is not an experiment. Since 1918 it has been pursued under a number of acts of Parliament which provided that unemployed boys and girls under certain circumstances should be required to attend instruction schools. The experience helped to save thousands of young persons from that loss of morale which so often results from unemployment. Crime among them was infrequent. Character and physique improved.

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LASTING EFFECTS

This being the lesson taught by prolonged experiment, the extension of the service to all the young unemployed is a reform which should have lasting effects on the whole life of the nation. Henceforward, all young people up to the age of 18 will, if out of work, either be compelled to attend the centres, or, if unusually intelligent children, will be given special educational facilities. It may be admitted that it would be better still if the children were kept longer at school—ideally, till 16 rather than 14. Such a provision would almost abolish unemployment among juveniles, and would remove the necessity for unemployed instruction centres. But in the absence of such a provision the next best thing is that these centres should be universally available for boys and girls at their most impressionable age.

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DU PONT MEMORANDUM

Add to evidence publicised by Senate munitions investigators last September the memorandum recently submitted, at the request of Senator Nye's committee, by Lammot du Pont. Clearly, the inquiry is getting somewhere. But not so far that the public can afford to transfer its attention from the investigation to such memoranda, says the Christian *Science Monitor*. Despite the du Pont offer of co-operation, and granting its sincerity, it is difficult to wax enthusiastic over such indications as it contains that private munitioneers are ready to devote their energies first and foremost to public welfare. First, there is the international armament trade's long record of questionable dealing to consider. Secondly, there is the du Pont memorandum itself. Senator Nye seems to have overestimated the du Pont's acceptance of the fact that "something is rotten in Denmark and that something has got to be done about it." In its context the "strict government control" phrase seems to express nothing stronger than a preference for such control to "prohibition of the traffic in arms."

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EXCESSIVE EARNINGS

Yet the memorandum expresses other opinions which show that this munitions firm is perhaps in agreement with, and at any rate certainly aware of, the progress of public opinion as regards the private profits on war: "Elimination of excessive earnings must apply to every business and to every individual." Here, it must be said, the du Pont paper touches on one of the most important questions that arise with regard to protecting the peace of nations from the exploitation of unscrupulous armourers. But what shall be the measure of "excessive profit"? If the pay that soldiers get for risking everything in the trenches were to be the gauge, would the incentive be sufficient to keep them supplied with weapons and ammunition? Certainly the time is coming when all peoples will insist that the burdens of warfare be equitably distributed as between man power and money power. The du Pont memorandum is a symptom of fairly recent public enlightenment. The arms investigation by the United States Senate is adding to that enlightenment and laying the groundwork for effective legislation on the arms traffic. Perhaps as this investigation continues further recommendations from the arms industry will be requested and received. These may contain valuable suggestions for checking abuses. But even more important than arms magnates' opinions on methods of control is the information on their practices which the Nye committee is unearthing. It is on the basis of this information that nations must decide how to deal with this problem most effectively.

AMAZING CAREER OF BARON ALOISI

By PAUL CREMONA

BARON Pompeo Aloisi, a Roman by birth, spirit and enthusiasm—thereby perhaps a politician born—belongs to that select class of Italian diplomats whose words mean facts, whose every step means results.

His political force is in no wise dependent upon the verbose polemics so dear to modern diplomacy, for he is not a great orator of the type of Jaures or Briand.

His aim is always creative political action, complying with the natural laws of human society, rather than with the good rules of rhetoric. Speech, slow in coming and sometimes harsh, is merely an instrument with him, advantageously used to plan, organise and establish definite situations. In this respect he might perhaps be compared to Bismarck, whose harsh, slow locution was far more effective than an easy stream of words, such as flowed pleasantly from the mouth of German Socialist, Ferdinand Bebel. His style of speech, plain facts and no trimmings, comes to him, no doubt, from his early training in the Italian Navy (1893-1902) which he left with the rank of lieutenant to follow what his elders defined on various occasions as an inborn talent for politics.

In a remarkably short span of years he rose from his first diplomatic post as attache to the Italian Embassy in Paris to that of first secretary and afterward counsellor of Legation. At the outbreak of the Great War he was called to serve in the navy with the rank of lieutenant-commander and, after being appointed aide-de-camp to King Victor Emmanuel, was promoted to commander.

The year 1919 finds him chief of the press bureau in the Italian delegation to the Peace Conference and shortly afterward, having resumed his place in the diplomatic service, he rises quickly from High Commissioner and Minister Plenipotentiary to full ambassadorial rank, serving Copenhagen, Memel, Durazzo, Bucharest, Tokyo and Ankara. He is now *Chef de Cabinet* at the Foreign office in Rome, the acknowledged chief of the Palazzo Chigi, executive, that is, of Signor Benito Mussolini's foreign policy. Since July, 1932, he has been principal Italian delegate to the League of Nations.

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The man, indeed, can best be judged by his achievements, for it is difficult to find one more reserved than he, and more careful of evading publicity in every form. For this reason he is sometimes misunderstood, or at least not always valued to the full, especially by those who are beneath his own standard.

A few episodes from his varied career may be told here to cast light upon his remarkable personality.

The first episode, somewhat romantic in colour, hardly belongs to the sphere of diplomatic or political activity, but its brilliant conclusion was worth so much to Italy at the time, that through no diplomatic channel could the cause of the country have been served so thoroughly as it was through this scheme, universally believed to have been planned and carried out by Baron Aloisi.

Toward the end of 1916, and 18 months after Italy's entry into the World War, the flower of the nation was bravely fighting in the trenches while disorder, unrest and acts of sabotage were growing steadily throughout the peninsula. The police kept close watch in the cities and throughout the country and soon found that this alarming situation was due to foreign spies, whose work was organised to undermine the country's forces in the interior, in order eventually to weaken the morale of forces on the fighting line.

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The strictest possible control failed to check the enemy's work; well-paid spies continued at work and finally succeeded in sinking two large Italian battleships, the Benedetto Brin and the Leonardo da Vinci, lying at anchor in Italian ports.

The people were then seized with terror and frantic appeals were made to the Government to use all means in its power to remedy this tragic situation. Suddenly Baron Aloisi came forward to solve the fearful problem, or at least it is to him that the organisation of the counter-plot is universally ascribed.

The vast network of Austrian spies in Italy was controlled from the Austrian Consulate in Zurich, where Captain Mayer, in charge of the office, conducted the campaign of criminal attempts in the peninsula. The consular safe held secret codes, correspondence and names. In order to avoid unpleasant surprises during the night, Captain Mayer made a habit of leaving lights ablaze in the room with the safe, so that whatever went on there could be seen from the street, where traffic never ceased throughout the 24 hours.

On the night of Feb. 24, 1917, two men wearing masks stole into the lighted room, and screened themselves and the safe behind a sheet of oilcloth. For six solid hours did the two men work to burgle the safe and remove every single bit of paper it contained, and then, by way of a souvenir for Captain Mayer, left their tools in a neat array on the floor.

On the following day the Italian boundary line with neutral countries was "hermetically sealed" and remained inaccessible for three days, during which the Italian police captured hundreds of spies, secret agents and Austrian informers, scattered all over the kingdom. Thus the Austrian network was torn to shreds, sabotage ceased automatically and the country began to breathe. Rumour spread like wildfire that the organiser of this remarkable feat was Baron Aloisi, but it was never officially confirmed and never can be. Yet if he is responsible for this daring venture, then, indeed, he has deserved well of his country.

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Another salient episode in Baron Aloisi's career is his political mission to Albania, which he brought to a brilliant head. In a little over two years Baron Aloisi "Italianised" Albania so completely that all influences endangering the safety of Italy's eastern coast line were cast out and a deep-rooted friendship built up between Rome and Tirana. Conditions in Albania at the time of Baron Aloisi's mission were desperate, rather than merely difficult.

Neighbouring countries and certain of the great powers were weighing heavily upon the little state in order to submit it to foreign rule. The only man who could hope to reorganise the country was Ahmet Zogu Bey, now King Zog, monarch of the Albanians, but then recently repatriated

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"Oh, sure, I've seen lots of wild turkey around here—hundreds of 'em . . . . but I reckon that's been more than forty years ago."

The Very Idea !

AUNT EMMA SEES A GHOST

By George

DEAR George,

I do hope I am not too late with my contribution this year—I mean this week—but I intend to make up for the delay by telling you of a true ghost story.

Although it happened on Christmas Day I know it is true because it happened to me.

I went to pass the day with a friend at their house at Kowloon Tong and as we sat round after a big dinner cracking jokes and nuts my friend told me of the mysterious visitation every Christmas of the ghost of a shroff.

It appears that about 12 years ago this shroff, Ah Men, rashly chose Christmas Day to call with the year's chits and the irate householder threw a Christmas pudding at him. The heavy projectile caught the shroff in the spleen and he died almost immediately.

The murderer covered the body with chits and hid it away and in the morning found that it had disappeared. The next Christmas Day, however, the shroff appeared to him in the night and showed him even more chits than before. The unhappy man vacated the house but the shroff still continued to call each year and ask the present resident for his murderer's address, and my friend said he would almost certainly call that night.

I went to bed full of *bon homie* or whatever they call those French wines. Shroff or no shroff Christmas is Christmas and a man's a man for a' that.

Judging by the smell of the room in which I was placed I had to have a good look round to satisfy myself that the victim of the assault 12 years before had really disappeared. However, I could find no trace of him and retired to bed.

About 3 a.m. I was awakened by a tap on the shoulder—at least shoulder will serve for the purposes of the story. I sat up indignantly and there, believe it or not, was a shroff.

I rubbed my eyes. There were two, four, six, shroffs. I stopped rubbing and was relieved to find that no more appeared.

What would you have done, dear reader, in such a case? Well, so did I. I screamed and screamed but as I had left my teeth in the wash basin I was unable to make myself heard by anybody except the nearest shroff.

Then they all began to bow and came nearer. I thought I should lose my head but none of them seemed to be carrying knives.

The six shroffs began to make the motions of tearing up chits at the same time pointing to their stomachs. Then I saw what the trouble was. They all carried a Christmas pudding in their stomachs, undigested after twelve years, and wanted me to take it out.

I took my little nail scissors and cut the puddings out right away, and as I did each operation this shroff tore up his chits and vanished. Then I crept back to bed and fell asleep.

I know it sounds a little far fetched but the absolute proof is the fact that I woke up in the morning with six Christmas puddings in my bed.

I told my friend about my amazing experience but all she said was that I ought to get married.

Now I ask you, dear reader, was that nice?

Your peeved,
Aunt Emma.

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Phineas Quetch

I suppose Phineas Quetch is almost forgotten nowadays. He was "P. Q." of the "Home Illustrated" from 1869 until his death in 1883. And, in that capacity, what a pillar of the bourgeoisie! How, in thousands of homes, his weekly "Musings on Morality" were awaited with something of the perfervid homage that an earlier generation gave to Dickens.

I was glancing at a "P. Q" anthology only recently:

Not one of those who read this halting verse
Would "lift" a sovereign from a neighbour's purse,
Yet many they who—sad it is to tell!—
Without permission "borrow" his umbrell!
And yet, if right be right—and who, forsooth,
Will dare to challenge that eternal truth?—
Umbrellas, be their handles but of bone,
Have, with the rest, a status of their own.

This is from a long, tedious narrative called "Fancy's Lure," with steel engravings by Devallier. I suppose someone had been pinching "P. Q.'s" brolly. Anyway, he died young, of lumbago; it may have been poetic justice.

Air Mail Of Value To Colony

SPEEDY COAST SERVICE

COMFORTABLE TRAVEL

A few days ago the writer had the pleasant opportunity of making a trip from Kai Tak to Canton by plane, at the kind invitation of Mr. H. M. Bixby, Director of the China National Aviation Corporation. The plane, which had a special permit to land in Hongkong, left Shanghai at 10 a.m. arrived in the Colony some time before 6 p.m. and departed for Canton the following morning.

Besides Mr. Bixby and passengers for Foochow, a very air-minded city, according to Mr. Bixby, the plane carried Mr. Dai En Ki, Managing Director of the China National Aviation Corporation and also Mr. Francis A. Nixon, new Postal Commissioner of Canton who made the entire trip from Tsinan by plane. Although this was his first occasion to fly, Mr. Nixon enthusiastically declared that he would never travel any other way except by aeroplane, if given a choice.

We took off at 7.40 a.m. on an eight-passenger Douglas Dolphin seaplane and made a bee-line for Canton at an average altitude of one thousand feet. An unforgettable sight, indeed, is Hongkong from the air. Flying is like beholding beautiful panoramas from the top of mountains. You see only details from the train or steamer, but the whole world is at your feet like a chessboard when you are on the plane. We flew over sea, island, rivers, rice fields, mountains, lowlands valleys and forests, an amazing succession of moving picture which keep one spellbound from the beginning to end.

We crossed the Pearl River several times which, with its innumerable canals, junks, tiny little floating islets and sampans presents a most picturesque scene from the air. The countless little settlements with their inevitable pond and cluster of trees looked like so many miniature landscape gardens laid out by an architect of genius.

40-MINUTES FLIGHT

We reached Canton after 40 minutes actual flying and landed on the Pearl River. The landing was just as perfect as the take-off. —the plane was in the hands of none other than Mr. C. G. Sellers, ex-pilot of General Chiang Kai-shek and T. V. Soong, and formerly on the South American services of the Pan-American Airways. What a contrast between flying now and 13 years ago when I first flew up in the air (physically speaking) on a sight-seeing aeroplane over San Francisco. It was a dollar a minute trip and I came to earth frozen and sick and swearing that I would never fly again.

To-day you recline in specially designed comfortable seats, protected from the cold and wind by windows through which you can watch the scenery pass by on both sides. There is no sensation of moving at all but for the changing views which keep your attention riveted on the landscape all the time. The pilot's cabinet is separated from the passenger compartment by a door, and inside the plane the noise of the motor is not at all so strong as it is generally supposed. As a matter of fact, you can converse with your neighbour without unduly exerting your voice. But who wants to converse when one can watch a fascinating panorama pass by at the rate of two miles a minute!

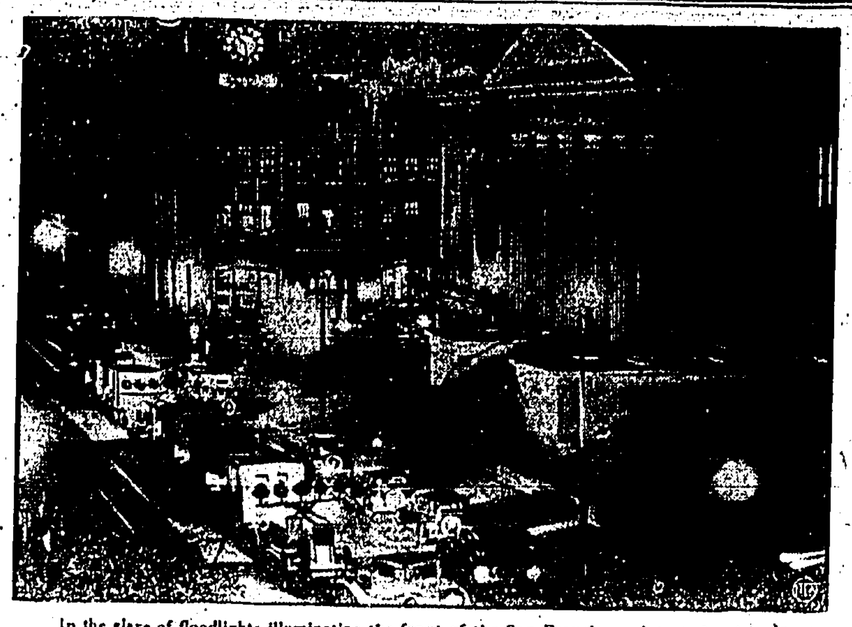
Although the passenger and air-mail services begins to function officially on January 1, 1935, there is a respectable amount of private mail for Canton and some important documents which missed the Manila boat at Shanghai a day before. Leaving Shanghai more than a day after the departure of the steamer for Manila, papers were put on board the steamer in Hongkong to reach Manila on time.

CO-OPERATION NEEDED

The schedule allows the plane to remain in Canton for 36 hours, thus enabling one to reply by air mail to the letters received in the morning of the same day. Correspondence posted in Canton is delivered in Shanghai the following morning and vice versa, and one can be easily appreciated what advantage such a service would be all to Hongkong. One could have his breakfast in Hongkong and his afternoon tea in Shanghai the same day or his letter would be delivered the following morning.

At least until such time as the matter of landing rights is arranged, co-operation between the Chinese and Hongkong Post Office in the way of agreeing on a flat rate for air mail between points in China and Hongkong is most desirable and would speed up business tremendously.

The fact that air mail and passenger insurance rates almost all over the world are the same as for other means of transportation, is a definite indication that the airways are here to stay and it will be to the great advantage of Hongkong to fall in line with the development of the day.—A. EDDY.



In the glare of floodlights illuminating the front of the San Francisco mint at the right, the last of a series of shipments was made by night in the transfer of three-quarters of a billion dollars in gold to the Denver mint. Here you see the string of armoured trucks carrying the bullion, flanked by autos containing heavily-armed guards, about to leave for the railroad yards to put the gold on train for Denver.

THE BOOKSHELF

"THE WAY AND ITS POWER"

"The Way and Its Power: A Study of the 'Tao Te Ching,'" by Arthur Waley (Messrs. George Allen and Unwin, Ltd., London; 7s. 6d.) will be found a most fascinating book, not only to students of Chinese philosophy but to all who are interested in the development of human thought. Not the least interesting part of the book is the author's lengthy introduction to this the most famous of the Taoist scriptures. Mr. Waley has done a meritorious piece of work by the excellence of his translation, which he describes as philological rather than literary.

It is somewhat startling to find, as one peruses these pages telling of China in the Third Century B.C. that many of the problems then commanding the attention of philosophers and statesmen are similar in character to those which to-day confront the world. Even disarmament figures amongst these; witness the remark of King Hui of Chao to Kung Sun-lung, pacifist and logician: "Don't you think the truth may be that arms cannot be suppressed?" To which Kung replies: "The doctrine of the suppression of arms is the outcome of universal love, felt equally towards everyone under heaven. If such love exists only in words but not in actuality, this policy can certainly never be carried out." And does not the prospect of disarmament to-day still rest on the sincerity of those who pay it lip services?

"The Way and Its Power" is a valuable contribution to the knowledge of China of other days, rendered all the more so by the care taken in its translation.

A CENTURY OF CONFLICT

In "Freedom and Organisation: 1814-1914" (Messrs. George Allen and Unwin, Ltd., London; 15s.). Bertrand Russell, in collaboration with Peter Spence, seeks to show the weakening of the old forms of authority as a result of Liberal assaults and the more or less unintended growth of new forms of organisation owing to economic and technical developments. The theme is the interaction of theory and practice in the politics of the hundred years between the fall of Napoleon and the Great War.

In the author's view, the 19th Century was brought to its disastrous end by the conflict between industrial technique and political theory; the same causes that produced the Great War still operate and, unless checked by the international control of investment and raw material, will inevitably produce the same effect, but on a larger scale. "It is not by pacifist sentiment, but by worldwide organisation that civilised mankind is to be saved from collective disaster."

As might be imagined, the author approaches the problem involved from an extremely advanced viewpoint. The book is forcefully written, with much evidence of wide research in covering the numerous issues raised, and is freely interspersed with characteristically caustic comment where historical developments have run contrary to the author's ideas.

AMAZING CAREER OF BARON ALOISI

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by the Yugo-Slavs, and therefore bound up to the policy of Belgrade. Italy was considered outside the sphere of Albanian interests and could count on nobody's support.

Baron Aloisi focused his policy on Zogu and gradually convinced him of the peril in a Yugo-Slav venture. Next he disclosed the advantages which might derive to Albania through friendship with Italy, always stressing the point that Italy held no dreams of territorial conquest, but merely wished to help in keeping foreign invaders at bay. Eventually Baron Aloisi gave full assurance of the country's independence, pointing out that with freedom there would come progress and civilisation after four centuries of servitude.

Zogu saw the situation, and accepted Italy's friendship offered by Baron Aloisi. The corner stone of the building was thus laid, for Yugo-Slav influence, pressing and insistent, was permanently repressed. The road was clear and Baron Aloisi began to build: he set up Albanian finances with an Italian loan and the creation of a National Bank of Albania; he organised a small but compact army, opened the door to Italian labour, enlarged oil concessions, built roads, bridges, canals and houses. At the end of 1926 the first Treaty of Tirana was drawn up, assuring political and territorial independence to Albania and supremacy over the Adriatic to Italy. In the course of a few months, under Signor Mussolini's orders, Baron Aloisi had built a solid foundation for the growth of Rome's policy in the Balkans.

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The third and last achievement, before his appointment as the Duce's right-hand man at the Foreign Office, was his policy in Turkey. Just as Albania had been an obstacle to the development of Italy's policy on the Adriatic coast, Turkey was barring the way to Italy's penetration in the Near East. In other words, Turkey, all but a friend, was making it impossible for Italy to get supplies of all that is essential to a country lacking in coal, wood, oil and iron. Baron Aloisi opened his political campaign at Ankara by assuring the Turkish Government, on behalf of Signor Mussolini, that Italy was willing to give up all claims on Anatolia.

The chief cause of distrust having thus been removed, Baron Aloisi set to work to build up relations between Rome and Ankara; a new impulse was given to Italo-Turkish trade, Turkey's views in international affairs were strongly supported in Rome, and Turkey was finally given an access to Europe, which retrieved the country from her Oriental isolation.

Step by step Baron Aloisi made his way into the heart of the Turk and silently conducted his policy which resulted in a door open on the Black Sea for Italy. Finally the Italian envoy escorted the Turkish Foreign Minister to Rome, where agreements drawn up at Ankara were duly signed by Tewfik Rushdi Bey and Signor Mussolini. The pact of friendship between Italy and Turkey served the double purpose of a bridge for Turkey to span the distance which cut her off from European politics and economy, and of a new road to freedom for Italy, long a prisoner in the Mediterranean.

Tirana and Ankara are two mile-stones marking victories in the history of Baron Aloisi's political campaign. Without the Pact of Tirana, Italy would, no doubt, have been obliged to give in to combined pressure from France and the Little Entente; without the treaty with Turkey she would have missed a link between her ports and the Black Sea, whence supplies can now come freely.

These, in brief, are the salient points in a long line of services rendered by Baron Aloisi to his country. The past, wherein great things were accomplished by him in silence describes the nature of this man who holds many a surprise in store for those who till the fertile soil of international politics.

FORMER HONGKONG RESIDENT

MR. A. K. HENDERSON MADE BAILIE

A former Hongkong resident, in the person of Mr. A. K. Henderson, for many years in the service of the Hongkong Tramway Co., has been elected a Magistrate of Gourock, where he has been living since his retirement.

At a meeting of the Gourock Town Council at which the appointment was made, the Provost proposed the election of Mr. Henderson as Junior Bailie. He said Mr. Henderson had been a member of the Council for several years, and had proved a good Works Convener.

Judge Mathie, in seconding, referred to the fact that Mr. Henderson was a Gourock boy.

After Mr. Henderson had been invested with his chain of office, he thanked the Council for the great honour conferred on him, and said he would endeavour to carry out the duties to the best of his abilities.

CORRESPONDENCE

Threatened Strike

The Editor,
Hongkong Telegraph

Sir,—Your correspondent, Mr. Lee Kean-chee, is a welcome sympathiser with the Mercantile Marine officers, even though his sympathies are somewhat divided at present.

May I suggest that Mr. Lee endeavour, as a layman, to discover what becomes of the amount of money representing the difference between the wages the owners agreed to pay and the sum the Mercantile Marine officers actually receive, something "far below a living wage?"

Also, if no coercion is used in the engaging of these men, how did their numerous predecessors come to vacate their berths?

Mr. Lee might give his full sympathies to the Mercantile Marine officers after obtaining information on these two points alone, not to mention a number of others.

ANTI-SQUEEZE

Without anything to eat for three days, a Chinese, Lau Kam, walked up to No. 158 Queen's Road West, ground floor, and in full view of the fokis of the shop carried away three wooden tubs. He was arrested, and when taken to the station stated he was without food for three days. Acting Sub-Inspector Tyler told Mr. W. M. Thomson, at the Central Magistracy yesterday morning, when defendant was charged, that the man ate some rice given him ravenously. The defendant did not know who his parents were, and had no relatives in Hongkong. Mr. Thomson bound defendant over to be of good behaviour in a bond of $25 for one year.

The closing date for the St. John Ambulance Painting Competition has been extended to January 15. The entrance fee for all school-children will be thirty cents, irrespective of the number of pictures entered by each exhibitor.

RADIO BROADCAST

Children's Concert From The Studio

Z.E.K. PROGRAMME

From ZBW on a wavelength of 355 metres (845 kilocycles):
5-6 p.m. Hongkong Hotel Dance Orchestra.
6-6.30 p.m. Children's Studio Concert.
6.30-7 p.m. Hongkong Hotel Dance Orchestra.
7 p.m. Stock Quotations.
7.08-7.30 p.m. Concert Items.
'Cello Solos—Spanish Dance (Aragonesa) (Cassado)
'Cello Solos—Menuet (Paderewski) Gaspar Cassado.
Songs—Afton Water (Burns);
Songs—Annie Laurie Mary Garden (Soprano).
Violin Solos—Serenade (Toselli)
Violin Solos—Serenade (Pierne) Renee Chemet.
Songs—"The Dubarry"—If I am Dreaming
Songs—"Helen" — The Shepherd's Song .....Heddle Nash (Tenor).
7.36-8 p.m. Talkie Tunes.
Gold Diggers of Broadway;
Song of the Drum;
One hour with you.
8 p.m. Time, Weather Report.
8.03-10.30 p.m. Chinese Studio Concert.
9.30 p.m. Reuter Press Bulletins, Stocks and Commodity Quotations.
10.30 p.m. Reuter Press Bulletins, Rugby Mid-day Press News London Quotations.
10.40 p.m. Close Down.

Z.E.K. PROGRAMME

8.30-10 p.m. European Recorded Programme from Z.E.K. on a Frequency of 640 k.c.'s.
8.30-8.55 p.m. Concerto No. 1 in G Minor, Op. 26 (Max Bruch).
8.55-9.12 p.m. Vocal Gems.
Maritana;
Lily of Killarney.
9.12-9.30 p.m. Concert Waltzes.
Tales from the Vienna Woods,
Rosenkavalier Waltzes.
9.30 p.m. Reuter Press Bulletins, London Quotations.
9.35-10 p.m. Variety.
Violin Solos—Song of Paradise;
Violin Solos—Always.
Vocal—Take me away from the River; Young and Healthy.
Instrumental—All Through the Night.
Instrumental—On a Little Street in Honolulu.
Piano Solos—Sleepytime Down South.
Piano Solos—Life is Just a Bowl of Cherries.
10 p.m. Close Down.

ZEESEN PROGRAMMES

This Evening's Broadcasts From The German Short-Wavers

Special programmes for Far Eastern listeners will be broadcast from Zeesen as follows.

SOUTH ASIA ZONE

South Asia Zone, broadcast from DJB, (19.74 metres) and DJN (31.45 metres).
4.45 p.m. DJB, DJN Announcement (Germ., Engl.) German Folk Song. Programme-Forecast (German, English).
5 p.m. Music and Topical Events.
5.30 p.m. News in English.
5.45 p.m. For the Young Folks: "The Christmas Rose." A Fairy Play by Sepp Bauer.
6.30 p.m. Short Musical Programme.
6.45 p.m. News in German.
7 p.m. Concert of Light Music.
8 p.m. News in English.
8.15 p.m. Close down DJB, DJN (Germ., Engl.)

EAST ASIA ZONE

East Asia Zone broadcast through DJA on 31.38 metres, and DJN (31.45 metres).
9 p.m. DJA, DJN Announcement (Germ., Engl.) German Folk Song. Programme Forecast (Germ., Engl.)
9.15 p.m. Music and Topical Events.
9.45 p.m. News in English on DJA and in Dutch on DJN.
10 p.m. Orchestral Concert. Soloist: Georg Kniestadt (Violin).
11.15 p.m. News in German on DJA and DJN.
11.30 p.m. Light Variety Programme. Grete Weiser (Chansons), Franz Krueger (Bassoon Virtuoso), Ludwig Trautmann (Reader) and the Five parodisters.
12.15 a.m. News in English on DJA and in Dutch on DJN.
12.30 a.m. Close down DJA, DJN (Germ., Engl.)

AT THE HOTELS

GUESTS WHO ARE STAYING AT REPULSE BAY

The following guests are staying at the Repulse Bay Hotel:

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ENGLAND UNLUCKY IN SUNDAY HERALD CUP SEMI-FINAL

Tam Kong-pak heading a pass from Ip Pak-wah into the English goal to open the scoring for China within the first five minutes of their *Sunday Herald* Cup semi-final match yesterday. (Photo: Mee Cheung).

SUNDERLAND AGAIN ON TOP

TURN TABLES TO BEAT EVERTON BY SEVEN CLEAR GOALS

ARSENAL BEATEN BY PRESTON

The ding-dong struggle for premier honours in the First Division of the English Football League continued yesterday when Sunderland again took the lead by a single point. They made amends for their 6-2 defeat at the hands of Everton on Christmas Day by turning the tables in the return match on their own ground and trouncing their opponents to the tune of seven goals to nil.

Preston N. E. also avenged their defeat of the previous day by beating the Arsenal at home by the odd goal in three.

In the Second Division Plymouth and Brentford again played to a draw on the former's ground. Brentford are, however, still at the top of the table but on a level point footing with West Ham who repeated their performance of Xmas Day by defeating Bury.

The full results of yesterday's games are published below:

FIRST DIVISION

Aston Villa	0	Chelsea	3
Birmingham	0	Wednesday	4
Derby	3	Wolves	0
Huddersfield	2	Leicester	3
Liverpool	2	Middlesboro	2
Manchester C.	3	Leeds	0
Portsmouth	3	Blackburn	1
Preston N.E.	2	Arsenal	1
Stoke	3	West Brom	0
Sunderland	7	Everton	0
Tottenham	2	Grimsby	1

SECOND DIVISION

Bradford C	3	Port Vale	0
Fulham	2	Bradford	2
Hull	1	Newcastle	1
Norwich	3	Notts Forest	3
Notts C.	1	Manchester U.	0
Oldham	2	Blackpool	3
Plymouth	1	Brentford	1
Sheffield U	2	Barnsley	1
Southampton	1	Swansea	0
West Ham	3	Bury	0

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH).

Brighton	4	Luton	1
Bristol R.	1	Aldershot	0
Clapton O.	3	Queen's P. R.	1
Crystal P.	2	Torquay	2
Exeter	4	Bournemouth	1
Gillingham	2	Coventry	5
Northampton	2	Bristol C.	2
Reading	2	Millwall	1
Southend	2	Cardiff	2
Swindon	2	Charlton	0
Watford	7	Newport	0

THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)

Accrington	5	York	2
Darlington	2	Rochdale	2
Doncaster	3	Hartlepools	1
Lincoln	4	Carlisle	2
New Brighton	3	Gateshead	0
Rotherham	4	Wallsall	2
Southport	2	Crewe	1
Stockport	0	Chester	1
Tranmere	2	Barrow	1
Wrexham	1	Mansfield	3

Holiday Rugby

RESULTS OF BOXING DAY MATCHES

London, Dec. 26.

Below are the results of to-day's rugby fixtures:—

Bath	6	Old Blues	0
Blackheath	13	Barbarians	16
Bristol	16	Pontypool	5
Cardiff	25	London Irish	0
Gloucester	26	Old Merchant Taylors	5
Headingley	25	Manchester	0
Leicester	8	Birkenhead Park	12
Llanelly	25	London Welsh	0
Northampton	24	Penarth	11
Richmond	19	Wasps	8
Plymouth Albion	13	Newton Abbott	3
Swansea			
Universities	18	Athletic Union	8
Waterloo	11	Coventry	11

—*Reuter.*

Senorita Anita Lizana, the 20-years-old Chilean, holder of the South American Women's Lawn Tennis Championship, will leave for England on March 2 with the main purpose of competing in the Wimbledon championships next year.

LOCAL SPORTSMEN TO WED

HAPPY EVENTS IN JANUARY

Four well-known figures in local sporting circles are to be united in matrimony early next year.

They are Mr. E. F. Fincher and Miss Irene Gittins and Mr. George A. White and Miss Margaret Woolley.

Mr. Ernie Fincher, the Interport cricketer, is a popular figure in both cricket and hockey circles. In the former he is both a batsman and bowler for the Kowloon C. C. While at hockey he is one of the goal-scoring mediums for St. Andrew's for which Club he has also excelled at badminton.

E. F. Fincher

His bride-to-be, Miss Irene Gittins was a former member of the St. Andrew's Club Ladies' hockey team and figured in Caer Clark Cup matches. She has not been playing of late owing to the fact that she was away at Canton. She recently returned to Hongkong. She is also a popular member of St. Andrew's and the K.C.C.

Mr. George White has been very active in tennis and cricket for the K.C.C., while he has also played at hockey for St. Andrew's. He recently returned from Home leave.

Miss Margaret Woolley needs no introduction. She has established herself both as a brilliant hockey centre-forward and a good badminton player. Her popularity is not only confined to St. Andrew's and the Kowloon C.C., but is present in other circles.

Our heartiest congratulations are extended to Mr. Fincher, Miss Gittins, Mr. White and Miss Woolley, and all will join with us in wishing both couples every happiness.

DEFLECTED GOAL GIVES CHINA VICTORY

BRILLIANT PLAY BY PORTUGAL: WALES BEATEN BY 4 GOALS TO 1

YESTERDAY'S THRILLING GAMES

Some of the best football seen this season was served out by the four teams which took part in the *Sunday Herald* Cup games which were played off yesterday before record crowds. As a result of the encounters China, by virtue of their win against England, meet Portugal conquerors of Wales in the final.

The results of the games were as anticipated, although China had to fight hard to emerge winners in their match. Portugal on the other hand gained a decisive victory against Wales by 4 goals to one.

PORTUGAL V WALES

(By "Linesman")

Had the Welsh defence paid a little more attention to Alves and Gomes on the Portuguese left flank instead of concentrating on the centre and right attack they would probably have left the field in their semi-final clash for the *Sunday Herald* Cup with a smaller margin than four goals to one chalked up against them.

Time after time the ball was swung out to the left where Alves was waiting unmarked, ready to send across one of those brilliant centres which featured the game.

The Welshmen were without the services of Roberts, Davies and "Hooker" Jones, three of the Borderers' star men, and fielded the Fusiliers' battalion team, bringing Keneghan in at left back, Keatinge at centre-half and Talbot at inside left. This rather weakened their side but the three substitutes showed up well.

To Rowland, between the sticks, must go the honour of being outstanding in the Welsh side. When called upon he was never found wanting, and executed spectacular saves which drew well-merited applause from the spectators. His anticipatory powers were remarkable and no blame could possibly be attached to him for the four shots which passed him.

Wanklyn and Roberts played steady games at back but were given plenty to do checking the Portuguese attack. Of the halves Keneghan was the pick, keeping a watchful eye on A. V. Gosano and feeding his inside forwards. He rather overdid his long passes down the centre instead of keeping his wing men fed with the result that Silva-Netto and Sousa got the ball as often as Dennis and two flanking men. The same fault could be found with the play of Grindley and Talbot.

The forwards led by Dennis worked hard especially in the closing stages of the game when they were continually in the Portuguese goalmouth. They peppered Marques with shots from all angles but could not find the net.

PORTUGUESE FASTER

The Portuguese were much faster on the ball than the Fusiliers. They had a strong side in the field and one which was extremely well balanced. Alves and Gomes on the left flank were responsible for some very pretty passing movements and with their combination of speed and ball control were a constant menace to the Welsh defenders.

A. V. Gosano gave a rather disappointing display despite the fact that he was well-marked, and the opposing defence had little difficulty in smothering many of his attempts at goal.

Ward played a good game at inside left with Bertie Gosano giving excellent support on the wing. The latter was inclined to be greedy when he got the ball instead of sending across to the centre where his brother and Gomes were waiting. Nevertheless he was conspicuous in many good runs on the wing during the first half of the game.

Beltrao played a constructive game in the pivot position and watched Dennis like a hawk. He sent his forwards away many times with accurate passes, especially Alves.

I have seen Elms play much better than he did yesterday although he spoiled many of the day but he broke up many Welsh movements on the right

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and cleared well in front of goal when his side were hard pressed. He was kept busy by Parry who was more than his match. Sousa and Silva-Netto were a good pair of backs and safe, with Marques coming through with flying colours in goal.

THE PLAY

Forcing the pace from the start the Portuguese took up the attack and kept play in the Welshmen's half for the first ten minutes except for a couple of breakaways which were effectively checked by Silva-Netto and Sousa. Rowland was called on several times to save from Gosano and Ward and this he did well.

Things looked black for Portugal when play later transferred to the other end with the Welshmen making a determined effort to open the scoring and Silva-Netto was pulled up for dangerous play near the goal. Elms however stopped the attempt at goal and gave a short pass to Silva Netto for the latter to send Alves away on the wing. As Grindley came to tackle him he transferred inside to Gomes and took another pass from his inside man as he raced towards the Welsh line. His centre was beautifully placed and A. V. Gosano beat Rowland with a shot into the corner of the net.

Good work by Talbot, Dennis and Parry kept the Portuguese defence busy for a spell before Dennis netted the equaliser. Before the interval Gomes however put the Portuguese ahead with a strong drive from about fifteen yards which gave Rowland no chance.

The game slackened up for a while, after the restart midfield play featuring the game with occasional raids on both goals. Then Delgado came up and scored the prettiest goal of the match. He nipped around three of the Welsh defenders with amazing coolness, steadied and sent a terrific ground drive into the corner of the net. A. V. Gosano further increased the Portugal's lead but not before Wales had caused the Portuguese defence no little anxiety in their own goalmouth.

The teams were:

Portugal.—Marques; Silva-Netto, Souza; Delgado, Belgado, Elms; B. Gosano, Ward, A. V. Gosano, Gomes and Alves.

Wales.—Rowland; Wanklyn, Keating; Grindley, Keneghan, Ellis; Parry, Harrison, Dennis, Talbot and Roberts.

CHINA V ENGLAND

By "R. H. B."

An unfortunate error—a goal deflected by Chris Pile, the police back, into his own net—gave China victory over England by three goals to two in the semi-final of the *Sunday Herald* International Charity Cup football match in the club ground yesterday afternoon.

The stands were packed with spectators while Morrison Hill, as is usual when the Chinese players are in action on the Club ground, was clustered with followers. Cheering was vociferous throughout the ninety minutes and on many occasions the cheering became louder when a free kick was awarded against China!

The game, on the whole, provided some very good football featured by some splendid midfield tussles.

England's main failing lay in their forwards whose shooting in front of the Chinese citadel was deplorable. For instance, if Stevens, the Police inside-right, had "let fly" just a second earlier instead of dilly-dallying getting into position, he would have found the net more than once. He has a strong kick when he gets going.

PARDOE BRILLIANT

PARDOE, in the pivotal position for England, was the best player on the field. He was a constant menace to the Chinese attack and cleared with well-timed kicking. Pardoe's height and broad build will always be an asset to him when playing against the Chinese.

Ho Kar-keung, of the Chinese Athletic, appeared in the centre-forward position in place of Fung King-cheung, the S. C. A. A. senior team leader, and played a good game. He combined well with Tam Kong-pak, who played a dashing game for China at inside-right. Both his goals were brilliant efforts.

Strange though it may seem, in nearly every match in which he plays Tam scores with a header. In this respect, Tam Kong-pak is uncanny. His team may score a couple of goals, but Tam nearly always can lay claim to one with his head.

Ip Pak-wah, on the left wing, was ever a source of danger and gave Brooks, another Police representative, plenty of work to do at right-half. Brooks, however, held the speedy Ip quite well.

At left-half, Parker, of the Police, kept a good check on Tso Kwai-shing, a right winger of no mean speed. When Tso gets going he is a hard man to hold. He jumps a lot for the ball and is nippy with his dribbling.

Ash, of the Lincolns, and Pile, were a safe though not brilliant pair of backs. They could have kicked harder with their clearances. That was a great failing with England, more especially in the first half. The defence were clearing well but their kicking was either too short or erratic.

A MASTER MIND

Ridley, of the Lincolns, one of the cleverest forwards in the Colony, was a master-mind at inside-left. Time and again he opened the attack. He received good support from Higgins, his team mate, who led the attack with gusto. Towards the interval Higgins was injured and had to leave the field but he returned to play in the second half.

Wearmouth (Navy), on the left wing, was absent for a period in

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The Chinese team which defeated England by three goals to two in the semi-final of the *Sunday Herald* Cup on the Club ground yesterday. (Photo: Mee Cheung).

The Professional Tennis Tourney

THE L.T.A. "BAN"

There has been a good deal of comment, not only in the Press, but also in general conversation, upon the Invitation Professional upon the Quotation Professional Lawn Tennis Tournament, held at Wembley recently, by the L.T.A., writes a correspondent in the *Morning Post*. Perhaps the L.T.A. could not be expected to show any marked enthusiasm over a tournament the competitors in which were, with one exception, professionals from foreign countries, and for which its consent was neither necessary, asked for, or, possibly, desired.

It has been stated that the umpires who volunteered their services were forbidden by the L.T.A. to officiate, and that they braved this "ban," regardless of any pains or penalties which might hereafter befall them. This is just flim-flam, and nothing more. What really happened was that the Umpires' Association asked for guidance from the L.T.A. as to whether they should send a staff of umpires to officiate at the tournament, and received the answer that it was not advisable that the Umpires' Association, qua Association, should take part in the tournament's organisation, but that individual members of it would be perfectly free to do if they so desired. Many of these individual members did so desire, and have, in fact officiated: to suggest that they did so either in defiance of the L.T.A. or in any dread of punishment for so-doing is, therefore, merely ridiculous—as many other wild statements are apt to become when the facts are examined.

Still, considering that two of the L.T.A.'s most distinguished presidents in the near past, Lord Desborough and Viscount D'Abernon, had given their official blessing to the tournament by attending the inaugural luncheon, and that Lord Desborough had presented a cup for the winner, it might have been just as well if the Umpires' Association—which is not, by the way, as has been stated, affiliated to the L.T.A., but is a quite independent body—had been allowed to carry out its initial intention of supplying a selected body of umpires for the tournament. This is, naturally, merely a matter of opinion.

The L.T.A. recognises professionalism; one of its committees manages the affairs of professionals in this country, and promotes and conducts the professional championship. Presumably, therefore, there is nothing *ipso facto* wrong in a professional tournament, or, at any rate, in one so well conducted as the Wembley meeting has been; and, though the L.T.A. had nothing whatever to do with the tournament and no control over it, it could not have done much harm to allow the Umpires' Association to do what it apparently wished to do.

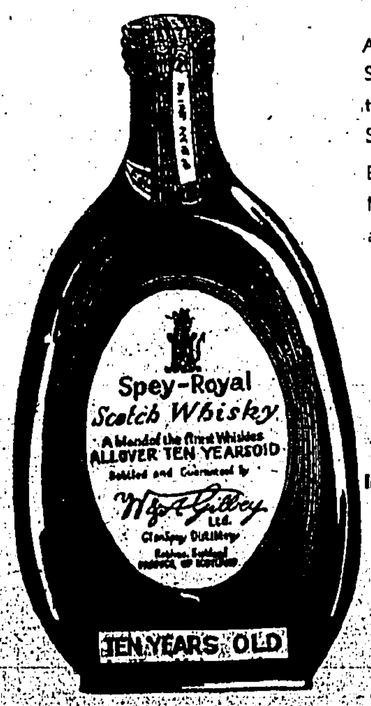
THE SUPREME AUTHORITY

On the other hand, while the L.T.A. continues to exist—and it is not exactly in a state of decrepitude—it must obviously be the supreme authority over all branches of the game in this country; and it may well have had a prophetic eye as to what may happen in the future—perhaps the very near future.

Tilden, who must be regarded as the prime mover in what may be called the world-professional-exhibition-and-tournament-play, stated at the inaugural luncheon that he intended, with the assistance of the other principal professionals, to institute a series of annual professional championships in England, France, Germany, and the United States, as well as to promote a sort of international professional competition on Davis Cup lines; though he did not make clear the constitution and authority of the body in charge of these competitions.

All this sort of thing, even if it is very much in the air at present, will almost inevitably take shape. The effect of the cash inducement which it offers to players of the first class is already obvious in the secessions which have taken place from the amateur ranks even within the last few months. While there were only a few "professional exhibition" players, interest in their doings was ephemeral. It is on popular support, or in other words, on continued and increasing gate receipts, that success alone can attend it; and the greater the number and variety of players the better that support is likely to be. To the interests of amateur tennis as at present organised and managed, the rapid spread of professionalism is likely to be a considerable menace. Is the time coming for a parting of the ways? It may be so: at any rate it seems clear that the mop of Mrs. Partington will be of no more avail than it was in the high tide at Sidmouth in 1824!

SPEY-ROYAL SCOTCH WHISKY



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RACE PROGRAMME

Fifty-Seven Events For 1935 Meeting

There is practically no change in the programme of the 1935 annual meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club as compared with that for last year, with the exception of the elimination of the "Sports Club Cup and Hongkong Stakes," in the ninth event on the fourth day, which has been changed to "The Hongkong Stakes."

As in previous years, the Hongkong Derby will be contested on the second day, and the "Champion Stakes" on the fourth day of the meeting.

There will be twelve events each for the first, second, third and fourth days, and nine races for the "off day", making a total of fifty-seven for the meeting; which is scheduled for February 16, 18, 19, 20 and 23.

Entries for the meeting will close on January 12 at 3 p.m.

TRADE CONFERENCE

STILL HOPE FOR DUTCH-JAPANESE AGREEMENT

Tokyo, Dec. 26.

The Dutch-Japanese trade conference which has been in session at Batavia since June has been adjourned, but conversations will be conducted between the Japanese Consul, Mr. Koshida and the Dutch authorities during the adjournment.

The shipping dispute will be settled at a conference between Dutch and Japanese shipping interests, who will meet at Kobe, Japan.

Messrs Haruchi and Nagaoka, the chief Japanese delegates will leave Batavia on December 28 for Formosa, en voyage to Tokyo.—*Reuter.*

Dick Powell likes dames. Here's Dick surrounded by Hollywood's most beautiful damsels. You'll see Dick—and the girls—and Ruby Keeler, Joan Blondell, Guy Kibbee, Hugh Herbert, Zasu Pitts, and many others in "Dames" the new Warner Bros. musical picture coming to the Alhambra.

RUGBY THRILL

Meiji University Only Just Beat Shanghai

Shanghai, Dec. 25.

Another thriller was provided on Christmas Day when the Meiji University rugby football team and Shanghai met in their return match.

The Japanese, after being wonderfully held by the local side, went over for an unconverted try in the last three minutes to win by eleven points to eight.—*Reuter.*

RETURNS SHORTLY AFTER 6 A.M.

FIFTEEN STARTERS

Fifteen yachts started on the annual race to Macao and back for the Potts Challenge Cup yesterday morning and the first boat back was Sea Lark V. sailed by E. Cock and Lieut. Col. Carrington Sykes, which clocked in at 6.19.11 this morning.

Mairi (Cmdr. D. Orr Ewing and partner) returned at 8.54.55 with Norena (Ramsey and Brunsgaard) passing the post at 9.25.35.

Mestral (Cmdr. W. G. Cowland, Dr. L. J. Davis and Lt. B. E. O'Brien) returned at 10.39.04.

La Cigale did not finish.

These times have yet to be corrected.

The start was made at 7.30 a.m. yesterday and the competitors are given until 8 a.m. to-morrow morning in which to cover the 70 miles.

THE STARTER

The following were the starters with their crews:

Azuma (H. J. Pearce and R. J. Vernall); La Cigale (N. V. A. Croucher and A. N. Other); U. & I. (H. S. Rouse, Major B. E. C. Dixon and Lieut. Comdr. D. Tod); Luana (A. L. Shields and Commodore Frank Elliott); Typhoon (Squardron Leader C. R. Keary and Comdr. H. C. Legge); Tern (Capt. R. E. Foley and Capt. C. C. Duchesne); Monsoon (R. Grieve and A. N. Other); Sea Lark V (E. Cock and Lieut. Col. M. Carrington-Sykes); Cherub (Goulborn, Lieut. P. de N. Ramus and A. N. Other); Mistral (Comdr. W. G. Cowland, Dr. L. J. Davis and Lieut. B. E. O'Brien); Cutty (G. Dalziel and C. J. Cooke); Penguin (Capt. L. W. Henderson); Maire (Comdr. D. Orr Ewing and A. N. Other); Norena (Ramsey and Bruusgaard); Tavy II (H. M. S. Tamar Wardroom Officers).

ENGLAND UNLUCKY

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the first half while he had a cut on his left leg attended to. He returned to action with plaster and lint. His centring, as well as that of Kiley (Navy) playing on the right wing, could have been better. On many occasions both men had plenty of time to steady up but preferred to kick first-time with the result that the ball went wide of the mark.

Li Tin-sang and Lau Mau, the South China backs, once more displayed their versatility, as a safe pair. Both cleared with hard kicking, Li Tin-sang, more so than his partner.

In the pivotal position, Li Kwok-chui, worked hard and was well supported by Leung In-chan and Lee Kwok-wai.

THE GOALS

Opening in brilliant manner the Chinese found the net within the first five minutes. Tam Kong-pak heading through a pass from Ip Pak-wah. A penalty was awarded England when Leung In-chan was pulled up for fouling Wearmouth and Ridley made no mistake with the spot kick, placing the ball well out of Wong Wing's reach.

In the second half after much midfield play, Tam Kong-pak broke through on his own to beat Durham with a good shot. Shortly after, Pile had the misfortune to deflect a shot which came in from the left, into his own net. Before the end, Ridley netted England's second goal with a splendid header.

The teams lined out as under:

CHINA:—Wong Wing; Li Tin-sang and Lau Mau; Leung In-chan, Li Kwok-chui and Lee Kwok-wai; Tso Kwai-shing, Tam Kong-pak, Ho Kar-keung, Cheuk Shek-kam and Ip Pak-wah.

ENGLAND:—Durham; Ash and C. Pile; Brooks, Pardoe and Parker; Kiley, Stevens, Higgins, Ridley and Wearmouth.

Holiday Cricket

CLUB AND ARMY DRAW

Several clubs were engaged in cricket matches during the Christmas holidays, the biggest attraction being the Triangular Tournament game between the Hongkong Cricket Club and the Army on the Club ground, which resulted in a draw.

High spots in this game were the batting of Major V. J. Bonavia (83) and Lt. J. P. Williams (52), who added 126 runs for the Army first wicket; th bowling of T. A. Pearce, the Interport cricketer, who took eight Army wickets for 56 runs and the bright innings by H. Owen Hughes, the Interport captain, who played an undefeated and chanceless innings for 87 runs.

Major Bonavia hit 16 boundaries. His display was marred by a chance in the slips before he opened his account. The ball passed between T. A. Parce and Owen Hughes. Later Major Bonavia played scintillating cricket, hitting hard at anything pitched well up. Lt. Williams gave two chances in his innings. He hit seven boundaries.

Owen Hughes played a gallant innings for his side, hitting 14 boundaries. Undue cautiousness towards the end prevented him from reaching his century. In partnership with T. M. L. Redmond, he added 67 runs for the fifth wicket.

The Triangular Tournament match between the Army and the Royal Navy will be played to-day on the Club ground.

NAVY LOSE TWICE

A brilliant innings for 119 not out by E. F. Fincher featured the all-day match between the Kowloon Cricket Club seniors and the Royal Navy seniors on the Kowloon Cricket Club ground yesterday. The home team won by 12 runs in an exciting finish.

Kowloon batted first and declared with a total of 198 runs for six wickets. E. F. Fincher hit 17 boundaries in his innings. He batted aggressively, and did not give any direct chance to hand. In partnership with N. A. E. Mackay for the fifth wicket, he added 68 runs, and in partnership with Stapleton for the sixth wicket he added 66 runs. Stapleton scored 25, A. T. Lay 18 and F. Zimmern 16. Sub-Lt. Briggs was the most successful Navy bowler, taking four wickets for 34 runs.

The Navy were dismissed for 186 runs, towards which Lt. Parks-Smith contributed 62, Stoker Crunder 45 and E. A. Clayton 22. A feature of their innings was the stand made by Crunden and Clayton for the tenth wicket which produced 70 runs. F. S. W. Smith captured six wickets for 89 runs, and R. Lee three for 53.

K.C.C. PUNIORS WIN

The Kowloon Cricket Club and the Royal Navy juniors also engaged in a whole-day game at King's Park yesterday. The game ended in a narrow victory for Kowloon by 13 runs, in the last over of the match. Kowloon took first lease of the wickets and scored 169 runs, towards which F. E. Lawrence contributed 55 and Waplington 37. The Navy replied with 156 runs, Lt. Christian-Smith scoring 46 and Mid. Purdy 32.

ELECTRIC COMPANY MATCH

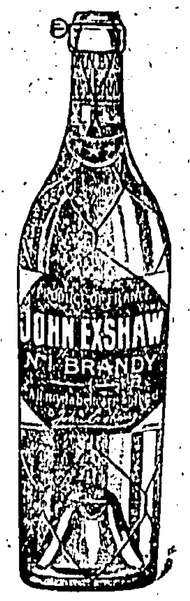
An enjoyable game between the European and Local staffs of the Hongkong Electric Company was played on the Indian Recreation Club's ground at Sookunpoo, resulting in a win for the locals by six wickets. Batting first, the European staff compiled 104 runs, towards which E. Thompson contributed 20. M. I. Razack captured three wickets for 15 runs, and I. Haroon three for 25. The local staff scored 165 runs for nine wickets, when stumps were drawn. T. Ali was the top scorer with 36 retired, and S. M. Rumjahn followed with 26 retired. G. Souza scored 25.

CRAIGENGOWER MATCH

A match between the Bachelors and Benedicts of the Craigengower Cricket Club yesterday, resulted in a win for the Bachelors by 23 runs.

PRESS v. CRAIGENGOWER

The following will represent the Hongkong Press in a friendly match against the Craigengower 1st. XI at Happy Valley on Saturday at 2 p.m.—F. D. Pereira (Capt.), A. H. Rumjahn, M. R. Abbas, C. E. Wong, J. R. Luke, E. MacNider, G. W. Giffen, A. M. Omar, A. R. Markar, F. M. el Areulli and J. M. Kelleher.



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Tokyo, Dec. 26.

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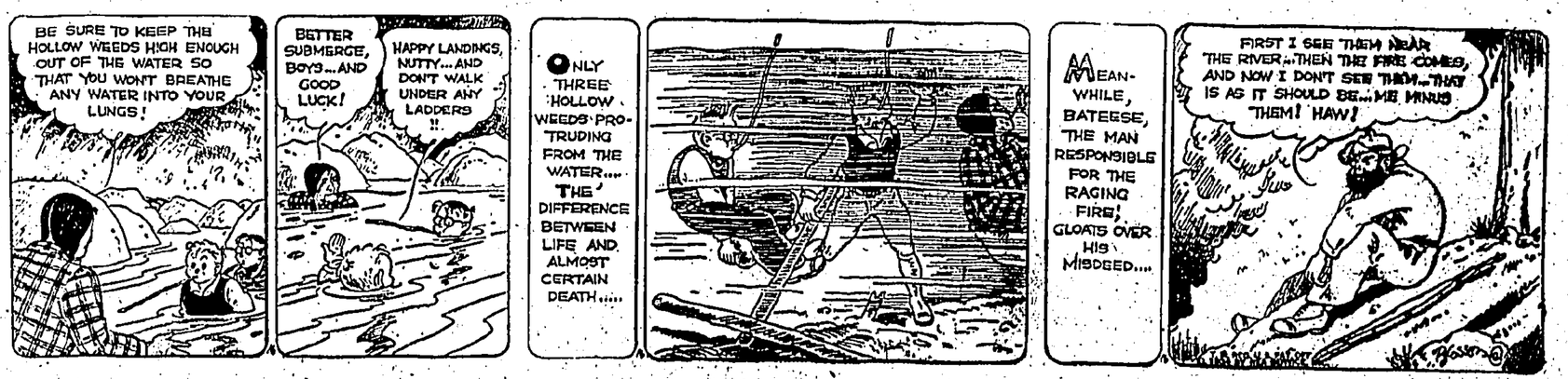

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SERIAL STORY—

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By MARY RAYMOND

CHAPTER I

All the Hollisters were in seclusion to-day—all except Ann Hollister who had thrown the big doors of the home in which she had been born 20 years before wide to a scandalized but eager public.

With the gesture she had smashed traditions that had bound the Hollisters together, despite the failing fortunes of most of the clan. A "sale" would soon be in full swing in the large double drawing rooms where Ann's mother had entertained so beautifully, and where Ann's grandmother had entertained still more lavishly.

There had been little entertaining since Ann was a child. She had grown up after the death of her mother, after "things had changed."

Ann and her adored father had continued to live in the old home which was much too large for them, had managed somehow to escape the stigma of "poor kin" that was attached to other relatives of Aunt Hattie Hollister Hammond.

Within the past week Ann had learned that all she owned in the world was the roof over her head and a few "old things." Soon now she would be homeless, Ann's decision to sell the family antiques was responsible for the resentment of her relatives and the ruffled surface of calm, old Greenfield to-day.

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When Ann had arrived home the week before, Aunt Hattie had met her in the outmoded limousine that was flaunted in the face of aristocratic Greenfield because Aunt Hattie was rich and therefore could do as she pleased.

They had driven to Aunt Hattie's Victorian home, "The Elms," instead of to Ann's house on Cherry street. Ann had attributed this to sympathy on her aunt's part. It would be hard for the girl to go back to the home where she and her father had been so happy and where he had died last fall.

Almost before she had had time to remove her hat, the news that she was penniless was broken to Ann.

"You haven't a cent," Aunt Hattie had said in her thin, acid voice. "You might as well know the truth because you'll probably be hounded to death by your father's creditors. Luckily there's nothing they can do. The house was left to you by your mother. At least you'll have that and a few old things."

"Creditors!" Ann had gasped, her face white.

"That's what I said. Your father owed everybody. That is, everybody who was foolish enough to lend him any money. And there were a great many. As Barnum said—"

Ann's fierce eyes stopped the older woman. "Please! Why wasn't I told about this before?"

"Because your father exacted a promise from that quixotic old idot, Harvey Wilson. It seems your second year of college had been paid up—"

"But my allowance? It came regularly."

"Probably from Harvey's pocket, heaven knows how he got it if reports about his practice are true."

"Creditors . . . creditors . . ." The words kept coming back like a horrid little refrain.

Cousin Lucy had come in, kissed Ann perfunctorily, and then stood, timidly, her eyes on Aunt Hattie.

Aunt Hattie, meeting Cousin Lucy's eyes and reading the signal there, said importantly, "You can come and live with me, of course, Ann. I'll be glad to have you."

Cousin Lucy had beamed at this magnanimity and then slipped from the room like a quiet little mouse.

Ann's eyes had met her aunt's cold gaze. It was like a sudden plunge into cold water.

"Thank you, but I couldn't—you see I'm going away."

"Suit yourself, of course. But I don't see how you're going when—"

"When I haven't a penny," Ann said soberly, with a wry little smile about her mouth. She hadn't an idea either how she could go away. She only knew she must go somewhere. It would be unbearable living at Aunt Hattie's as Cousin Lucy had done for so long.

Cousin Lucy was a familiar figure in Greenfield, trudging along the streets in poor shoes, the bulky old fur coat flapping about her ankles.

Oh, how horrible it would be to become like Cousin Lucy, walking stolidly along the street, with the fractious Pekingese tugging at the leash. And even more terrible to be like members of Uncle Ed's family, fawning for favours, trips, money for emergencies—all of them hoping they would outlive Hunt Hattie and enjoy her money after she had gone.

Until to-day Ann had believed she was midway between her aunt's prosperous condition and the economic helplessness of her other relatives. Then, with terrible suddenness, everything was changed.

Presently, Ann walked out of the gloomy old house that was so much like its mistress and went down the wide, front street which had become, as the town moved away from traditional boundaries, a mixture of homes and business places. Ann loved the street; it was familiar and therefore dear.

The great elms and cottonwoods had stood here long before she was born, stretching protecting arms above and casting dappled shade below.

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Ann climbed the stairs that led to the law office of her father's friend. The room was just as she remembered it; cobwebs in the corner, soot on the window sills, law books back of dingy glass in the tall bookcases, dust over everything.

And there, as though he had not moved since the last time she was here, the elderly judge slumped in a chair. Ann thought he looked tired, older. There were new lines.

"Judge Wilson!"

"Ann, my child!"

He came forward, kissed her warmly and led her to a chair.

"You're a sight for sore eyes, my dear. When did you come?"

"This afternoon on the 4 o'clock train."

"And already you've had the bad news! Trust Hattie for that."

"It was kept from me too long. You've always spoiled me, but now I'm grown and you can't spoil me any more."

"You look scarcely older than you did the day you began driving your father's car. I remember I said, 'What can the fool be thinking of to let that baby take the wheel?' Ann, dear, I'm sorry. I wish I could have spared you all this."

"Please don't worry. I've figured it all out. I'm going to sell the house. I've made up my mind."

"I won't hear to that. The house is yours. No one can touch it."

"I couldn't keep it. Surely you understand."

The judge sighed heavily. "Ann, don't let anyone make you believe your father was dishonest. He had every confidence in the security he offered. Things would have worked out in normal times—"

"Thank you." Ann's voice was trembling. "Of course I know that. How much will the house bring?"

"It might bring $10,000. These are dull days—"

"Would $10,000 cover all the debts father made?"

"Practically all."

"All, you mean, except the amount he owed you. You must tell me the truth. How much was it, Judge Wilson?"

"Ann dear—it was so little—I was happy to help. Did no one ever tell you, Ann, that your mother was the only woman I ever loved?"

"Yes, I've known always. Father said instead of hating him you became his best friend."

"Then don't you understand how happy it made me—"

"Please."

"It was about $3,000. On my next case I'll charge a double fee."

His smile and the twinkle in his blue eyes did not deceive Ann. Financial difficulties were written in the tired, anxious lines of his face.

"The house wouldn't bring more?"

"I'm afraid not. Ann, let things rest as they are."

"Then I'll sell the furniture—everything!"

"My dear!" He was genuinely shocked.

"I'll have a sale. All the wealthy people at Crystal Beach will come over for it."

"Ann, you can't be in earnest—"

She nodded her bright head. "You know that silver coffee urn—the one that was used for the banquet Lafayette attended—and the Hepplewhite chest of drawers and that ancient chinn—"

"And the blue cloisonne vase your mother kept roses in? Ann, my child, I don't see how you could sell such things."

"My mother would have valued them less than father's good name," Ann said in a low voice. "And maybe I'll have something left over to take me away from Greenfield. You wouldn't want me to live with Aunt Hattie, getting spineless and scared!"

"No."

"Well, then!"

"Your aunt will never permit it."

"I suppose," Ann's eyes met his steadily, "I should advertise."

Her old friend got to his feet, crossed the room and grasped the girl's hands.

"I'm more than scandalized at your daring. But I'm proud of you. It's exactly what your mother would have done. God bless her!"

(To Be Continued.)

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CINEMA NEWS

NOTES FROM THE THEATRES

Movie-goer who love the gay, the lavish and the utterly different in screen entertainment ought to hold a public celebration complete with dancing in the streets for the first Erik Charell film production made in Hollywood. In "Caravan", the memorable Fox Film musical spectacle showing at the King's Theatre, this noted continental director has created one of the most brilliant and original screen plays ever shown in a local playhouse. For sparkle, colour and gaiety, it is unsurpassed. Lavishly produced at the Fox studios, with Hungarian villages, castles, inns and vast Gypsy caravans swiftly alternating as backgrounds, "Caravan" tells a romantic love sto / in a delightful new vein. The setting is idyllic the grape country of Tokay during the wine harvest and a quartet of leading players as vivid as the setting carries forward the story to a spectacular finish. Charles Boyer, favourite stage and screen star of the continent, heads the cast as a dashing Gypsy musician. The glamorous Loretta Young appears as a gay young countess. Jean Parker and Phillips Holmes complete the stellar quartette. All four of them are superbly cast. Though "Caravan" does not classify as the conventional screen "musical" in any sense, music plays an important part in the smooth flow of its story. So stirring and radically different is the use of music that probably the picture will introduce a new era of musical production. Three songs are outstanding, the romantic "Wine Song", a bubbling dance number, "Ha-Cha-Cha," and "Happy, I Am-Happy". In addition to the four leading players, such personalities as Louise Fazenda, Eugene Pallette, C. Aubrey Smith, Charley Grapewin, Noah Beery and Dudley Digges offer fine performances in strong roles.

"The Merry Widow"

Glamorous romance, beautiful women, whimsical humour and the haunting strains of Franz Lehar's famous music blend into an entertainment of indescribable charm in Ernst Lubitch's production of "The Merry Widow" coming on Saturday to the Queen's Theatre. With Maurice Chevalier and Jeanette MacDonald as co-stars, singing the world-beloved song hits and enacting the whimsical romance of the musical masterpiece, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer staged the picture on a massive scale unique in the production of this type of picture. Deft "Lubitch touches" add to its continental gaiety and spicy humour. Chevalier plays a role unlike any he has ever attempted. Gay, debonair, singing the lilting songs, he turns to the dramatic side when the real romance eventuates, giving a splendidly restrained performance. Miss MacDonald is singularly beautiful in the gorgeous Adrian-created gowns, and sings the Lehar music gorgeously. Lubitch's humour is ever apparent amid the joyousness of the gay Viennese music and the comically-conceived situations. The original Lehar song hits, the "Merry Widow Waltz", "Villa", "Girls, Girls, Girls", "Melody of Laughter", "Widows are Gay", "To-night Will Teach Me To Forget", "I'm Going to Maxim's" are all sung in the picture. Edward Everett Horton, as the comic ambassador, appears with Chevalier and Miss MacDonald in many hilarious situations. Refreshing humour is also supplied in the sequences in the royal palace with Una Merkel and George Barbier as king and queen, and the romantic gardens and the comical trial scenes and other episodes spice the romantic theme with merriment.

"Aunt Sally"

"Aunt Sally," Britain's most brilliant "musical" to date, is showing at the Star Theatre. It features Cicely Courtneidge, whose amazing versatility and personality places the film on the high peak of popular entertainment. Cicely excels in "Aunt Sally," with her burlesque, her mimicry, her particular brand of humour in the many diverting incidents which crowd hard upon one another's heels, and in the magnificent cabaret chorines, and many tuneful numbers already familiarised to the public through the mediums of wireless and gramophone. Whether singing, dancing, or cracking "gags," Cicely is at the top of her form, and without a peer in the world at this particular form of entertainment. The picture is packed with fun, interspersed with brilliant and eye-delighting cabaret sequences and the massing of dozens of beautiful chorines. The supporting cast includes Sam Hardy, Billy Milton, Hartley Power, Phyllis Clare, and Ben Weldon. A number of well known wireless "turns" appear including Leslie Holmes and the Carlisle Cousins, also Debroy Somers and his Band.

"Down to Their Last Yacht"

Despite the fact that "Down To Their Last Yacht", which comes to the King's Theatre next week, is a lavish musical extravaganza, audiences will realise that there is a certain amount of philosophy underlying its story. It concerns the adventures of two contracting classes: a group of former aristocrats whose vast fortunes have been swept away, and a party of newly-rich social climbers bent upon living the life of Riley. These conglomerate groups are brought together on a yachting cruise to the South Seas. The crew is composed of members of the Social Register, and the passengers are recruited from the new army of the Cash Register. When the yacht is wrecked and the entire party stranded on a beautiful island, the two factions are united in the common cause of rebelling against the tyranny of an exotic island queen. Mary Boland portrays the fiery-tempered island queen who rules with a high hand, but who has a penchant for marrying at frequent intervals. Sidney Blackmer, who recently scored a hit in RKO-Radio's "This Man Is Mine", and Sidney Fox are seen as the romantic lovers. Polly Moran brings her usual broad humour to the role of a promoter who cashes in on the social ambitions of the parvenu by organising the yachting expedition. Others who have important parts are Ned Sparks, Sterling Holloway, Charles Coleman, Marjorie Gateson, Helen Collins, Tom Kennedy, Hazel Forbes and Irene Franklin.

"Treasure Island"

"Treasure Island", the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer production adapted by John Lee Mahin from the Robert Louis Stevenson classic of adventure of the same name and enjoying an extended run at the Queen's Theatre, is an important, painstakingly-made picture which entertains both young and old. Directed by Victor Fleming, the cast assembled by him is a notable one. It includes Wallace Beery and Jackie Cooper co-starred, Lionel Barrymore, Lewis Stone, "Chic" Sale, Otto Kruger, little Cora Sue Collins and many others, all of whom turn in excellent performances. Wallace Beery is effective as the sly, ingratiating Long John Silver, piratical leader who plays largely on his persuasive friendship with the boy, Jim Hawkins, in making his dreadful bid for buried treasure. Jackie Cooper does a remarkable impersonation of Jim Hawkins, torn between loyalty to his elder fellows on the cruise and his boyish pity for the pirate who has treated him as a mateey. The scenes between these two are most engrossing with Cooper fulfilling acting requirements handsomely. Lionel Barrymore is seen as Billy Bones and Otto Kruger as Dr. Livesey. The magnetic quality in the latter's voice adds power to many dramatic sequences.

"Dames"

"Dames," Warner Bros.' newest and most spectacular musical comedy romance, comes to Alhambra Theatre soon, with an all star cast headed by Joan Blondell, Dick Powell and Ruby Keeler. Three hundred beautiful girls dance and frolic in beautiful and complicated ensembles that are said to be the most novel and most sensational yet created by that master of special numbers, Busby Berkeley. The picture is said to contain a number of the catchiest songs of the year, written by three teams of ace songsters, Warren and Dubin, Fain and Kahal and Dixon and Wrubel. These are sung by Dick Powell, Ruby Keeler, Joan Blondell and Phil Regan, radio's "Singing Cop." The story, by Robert Lord and Delmer Daves, carries a definite plot which is said to be one of the most hilarious on record. Joan Blondell heads the cast in the role of a chorus girl mad-cap who delights in embarrassing dignified gentlemen, and who eventually weds a millionaire moralist. Dick Powell and Ruby Keeler furnish most of the romance as a pair of lovers whose match is anathema to their families. Three famous comedians, ZaSu Pitts, Guy Kibbee and Hugh Herbert, provide a large share of the comedy. Others in the cast include Arthur Vinton, Sammy Fain and Arthur Aylesworth.

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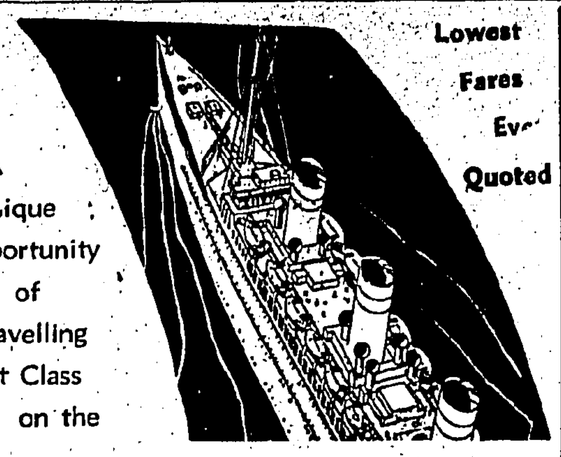

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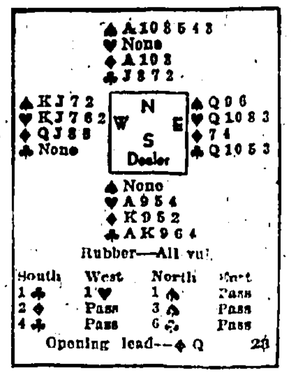
Solution to Previous Contract Problem.

By W. E. McKenney

Bridge is usually referred to as an American pastime, but I might say that it is becoming the pastime of the world. Some 15 or 20 European countries have national bridge organizations that, like the American Bridge League, are associated with the International Bridge League.

The American team, selected by open competition recently, consists of David Burnstein, Oswald Jacoby, Richard T. Frey and Howard



Schenken. It won a $1,500 trophy presented by Nate Spingold of New York, and will leave shortly for the world match at Budapest.

The Bidding

To Nate Spingold, bridge is purely a pastime. He enjoys the game and is always on the alert for that elusive slam contract. Here's a hand showing his aggressive type of bidding and it also demonstrates how well he can play the cards.

Mr. Spingold's diamond bid is purely constructive, and with the diamond bid North was justified in jumping to three spades. When South showed a five-card club suit, North's natural response was six clubs.

The Play

West's opening lead was the queen of diamonds which Mr. Spingold in the South won with the king. A small heart was led and ruffed in dummy with the deuce of clubs. A small club was returned on which South played the king and West showed out.

Mr. Spingold saw he still had a chance to make the contract and went to work. He led the ace of hearts and discarded a small spade from dummy. Then he played a small heart and ruffed in dummy. Now the ace of spades was cashed and a diamond discarded, after which a small spade was ruffed with the four of clubs.

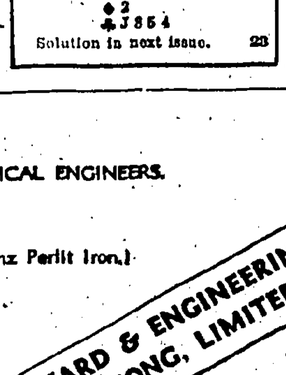
As West's opening lead of the queen of diamonds marked him with the jack, Mr. Spingold led a diamond and finessed dummy's ten, which held. A small spade was led and ruffed with the six of clubs, a heart played and ruffed with the jack of clubs

This left East with the queen, ten, and five of clubs, while Mr. Spingold held the ace and nine of clubs and the nine of diamonds, So, Mr. Spingold led a spade from dummy and East was helpless.

If he ruffed with the five of clubs, South would over-ruff with the nine, cash the ace of clubs, and grant a diamond loser. If East ruffed with the ten or queen, South would discard the nine of diamonds and hold a tenace in trump. An unusual and interesting coup.

Today's Contract Problem

Here's an interesting hand for bidding. You can deal it out to 50 groups of four and you'll find the bidding different at every table. How do you think the hand should be bid and what is the best contract?



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As a result of the disaster, at least 16 have been killed and over 30 are critically injured.

An open switch is believed to have caused the disaster. The through express was bound eastward from Detroit.

The injured were conveyed to hospitals in Hamilton, a few miles from the scene of the wreck.

Identification of the dead is most difficult, because many bodies have been mangled beyond recognition.

The last three coaches in the excursion train, despite the fact they were of steel construction, were almost demolished. Dozens of passengers were pinned beneath the wreckage.

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Washington, Dec. 26.

Accusations that Miss Frances Perkins, the Secretary for Labour, has used political trickery to order to secure legislation permitting the United States to join the International Labour Office of the League of Nations were voiced by Mr. G. H. Tinkham, the Republican Congressman for Massachusetts, to-day.

Congressman Tinkham, who is one of the bitterest opponents of American participation in League of Nations affairs, is said to have been the first American to fire a shot against the Austrians after the declaration of war upon that country by the United States.

During the course of a protest to-day at the decision to send American delegates to the International Labour Conference, Tinkham said that the decision was the first step in the Administrations attempt to join the League of Nations' Permanent Court of International Justice.

"It is quite evident that the political trickery on the part of the Secretary for Labour is intended to ultimately lead to the United States' active association with the League of Nations," he said bitterly.

"Ultimately, the Administration will take full membership in the League, thwarting the will of the American people, and inevitably involving the United States in the next European conflict."—*United Press.*

REDS IN KWEICHOW

PROVINCIAL CAPITAL IN DANGER

Canton, Dec. 26.

Kweichow messages state that the advancing Communists captured Chung-on, 150 miles from Kweiyang, on Christmas Eve. Kweichow, the capital, is thus placed in danger.

From Chung-on the Communists captured Wong Ping the following day.

The Kweichow Government has further appealed to Canton for reinforcements.

The South-west Political Council met yesterday to decide upon sending Cantonese regiments to Kweichow via Kwangsi within a fortnight's time.—*Wah Kiu Yat Po.*

Offer Accepted

Canton, Dec. 26.

Both the Kwangtung and Kwangsi military authorities have received a message from Marshal Chiang Kai-shek accepting the offer of their services in pursuing the Red remnants, who have fled into Kweichow from Kiangsi.

On receipt of the message, General Chan Chai-tong Commander-in-Chief of the Cantonese Forces, decided to organise a Pursuit Force to be selected from the 2nd Army Corps and the 2nd Independent Division of the Kwangtung Army.

The Pursuit Force, which is to be placed under the command of General Chang Tak, will be despatched into Kweichow some time next month.—*Central News Agency.*

Serious Situation

Canton, Dec. 26.

Admitting that the Communist-bandits have occupied Chienho in South-eastern Kweichow, with the object of moving northward, General Wang Chia-lieh, Chairman of the Kweichow Provincial Government, dispatched an urgent telegram to Canton requesting the prompt mobilization of Kwangtung and Kwangsi troops to assist him in coping with the Red outlaws.

The telegram stated that the provincial forces were obliged to abandon Chienho, owing to the overwhelming attacking hordes, and the provincial troops are retreating to Tankiang in order to protect Kweiyang, the provincial capital. The message added that the Red outlaws appear to be moving northward with Szechuan as their destination.

It was learned to-day that a band of 30,000 Red troops under the command of Hsiao Keh are located in Tungjon on the Kweichow-Hunan borders near Szechuen and that they will join forces with those under Chu Teh in Chienho. It is by no means certain that the Communists will go to Szechuen, as they can capture Kweiyang without great difficulty, although Chairman Wang Chia-lieh and his rival, General Yu Kuo-tsai, are united for the first time in dealing with the invaders.

An official spokesman stated to-day that Nanking has not yet replied to the proposals of the two Kwang generals in sending an expedition to Kweichow to clear out the Communists, but the Canton military authorities are ready to send two divisions to that province. Nanking reports stated that the Military Affairs Commission contemplates appointing General Ho Ying-ching, Minister of War, to subdue the Kweichow Reds, since he is a native of that province.—*Special.*

Anxiety Felt

Kweiyang, Dec. 26.

Anxiety is felt over the continued advance of the Reds who slipped into Kweichow border districts from Kiangsi and have established their position along the Chingsui River. The latest reports from Eastern Kweichow indicate that the Reds have occupied a number of important towns along the Chingsui River with their foremost post established at Chungyuen. In the past few days, they have constantly embarrassed the Kweichow Government defence lines extending from Huangping to Kweitung. The guerilla fighting developed into a serious battle on the night of December 24, with the result that Huangping fell into the hands of the Reds. At the same time, the Government troops defending Shipping are showing signs of yielding before the increasing pressure of the enemy.

In consequence of the serious developments at the front, the provincial capital is in a panic. Government troops are rushing into the capital from other directions in order to strengthen the defences of the city.—*Central News Agency.*

Hunan Reds Crushed

Nanking, Dec. 26.

Messages from Changsha declare that the Red menace in Changteh, Northern Hunan, has been completely removed. Communists are reported to be suffering heavy casualties, following engagements with Government forces.

The messages add that the Government troops are pressing on to Taoyuan, approximately ten miles south-west of Changteh. The Reds appear to be withdrawing in a north-westerly direction towards Tayung and Tzeli.—*Reuter.*

AVIATION RECORD

FRENCH AIR ACE CLAIMS LAND PLANE RIBAND

Paris, Dec. 26.

A world speed record for land aeroplanes is claimed by Raymond Del Motte, the famous French airace, who attained the speed of 502.455 kilometres an hour at Istres yesterday.

The previous record was held by James Weddel, the American flier, who attained a speed of 490 kilometres an hour. Del Motte's new mark, however, is considerably less than the seaplane record of 682.403 kilometres an hour, which was set by Warrant Officer Agello, the Italian ace, over Lake Garda on April 10 last year.—*Reuter.*

Agello's record is equal to 423.76 miles an hour. The new land speed record is equal to 312.233 miles an hour.

Spanish Air Plan

New York, Dec. 26.

Major Ramon Franco, the Spanish aviation expert, has arrived here to study American aircraft construction and engineering.

He said that Spain has evolved a five-year plan for the expansion of her air force to 1,000 planes. Many will be purchased in the United States, he believes.—*United Press.*

TERRIFIC EXPLOSION

SIX WORKERS KILLED IN YUNNANFU

Nanking, Dec. 26.

According to a message from Yunnanfu, an explosion occurred last Saturday morning at a magazine situated outside the east gate of the city, with the result that six workers and three horses were killed. Ten workers were seriously injured.—*Central News Agency.*

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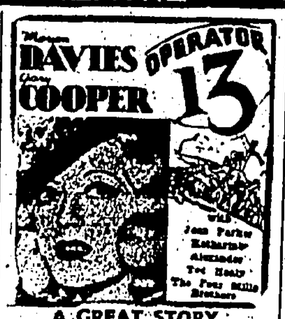

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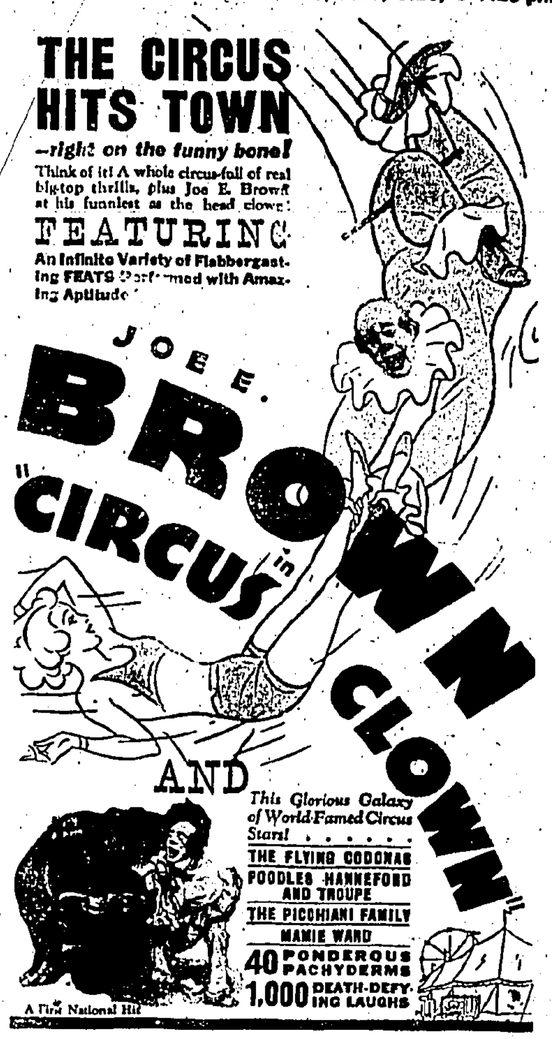

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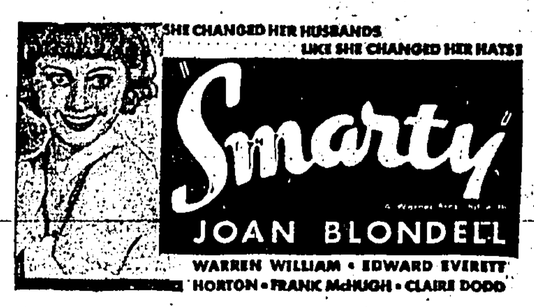

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TERRIBLE TOLL IN U.S. AND CANADA

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New York, Dec. 26.

The usual dreadful toll of lives in the Christmas holiday season had grown to a total of 253 throughout the United States to-day.

Another Canadian National Railway train was involved in an accident which cost seven lives, thus bringing the number of railway deaths since the holidays commenced to 23. Sixteen were killed near Dundas, Ontario, a few miles from Toronto, in a collision yesterday. The seven killed to-day were in an automobile which was crushed by a locomotive at a level crossing.

The American casualties, directly or indirectly due to the Christmas festivities, included persons killed in hunting accidents, by murderers in drunken brawls, in aeroplane, train and motor car wrecks and in fires.

EXCESSIVE SPEED

An inquiry has been instituted in the Ontario railway disaster and it has already been disclosed that the train which crashed into the end of a Christmas holiday special was travelling at an excessive rate of speed. It was approaching a siding where the local was waiting, clear of the main line, travelling at more than 50 miles an hour. When it met the open switch, it skipped the points and shot across into the siding where the local's horrified passengers discovered themselves trapped.

Those in the rear coach saw the hurtling locomotive bearing down on them. Others heard the scream of brakes and attempted to jump from car windows. It was only a matter of seconds before the express had ploughed through the rear end of the wooden coach, telescoping it into the coach ahead, and grinding men, women and children into the wreckage.

CROSSING CRASH

From Harvey, Illinois, comes a report that seven persons were instantly killed when their car was trapped on a level crossing by the Canadian National Railway's "International Limited," one of the fastest trains in America.—*United Press.*

Record Trade In Germany

EVEN JEWS' SHOPS PROSPERING

NOBODY WANTS TO SAVE

(Special to "Telegraph")

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Berlin, Dec. 26.

In spite of the talk of depression, Christmas shopping in Germany set a record for all time.

The stores in Berlin and other large cities had a turn-over of twenty to fifty per cent. above that of last year. This is attributed to the public disposition to spend rather than save owing to the uncertainty of the European outlook.

Even the Jewish shops were generally crowded with customers in contrast to last year when they were nearly empty. Nazis, out of uniform, picketed Jewish shops in a number of South German towns and prevented customers entering. But in some cases the public refused to listen to the pickets on the ground that the Jewish shops were staffed with Aryans, were selling German goods and aiding German industry.—*Reuter Special.*

COLONY'S PANAMA MARKET

VIRTUAL FREE TRADE

DISTRIBUTING CENTRE

Panama, Dec. 26.

The President of Panama to-day signed a law creating virtual free trade avenues into the republic and benefitting considerably British India, Hongkong and Great Britain.

The law exempts from duty over 600 articles and gives the President power to include others as the need arises.

The law becomes effective on June 1, 1935.

Free imports do not have to pay any re-export charges.

President Arias, interviewed, stated that he plans to place a tariff only on imports competing with native produce. Manufacturers may lose some revenue, and it is estimated that they stand to lose £100,000 in trade annually, but it is believed that this sacrifice will be easily offset by creating a distributing centre here for Central and South America and also by increasing the tourist business, which is largely in the hands of British Indians.—*Reuter.*

REVOLT STORY EXAGGERATED

ALBANIAN UPROAR LOCALISED

(Special to "Telegraph")

(By Telegraph, Copyright, Telegraphic Messages Ordinance, 1894. Received, December 27, 11:50 a.m.)

Rome, Dec. 26.

The authorities were informed to-day that reports of a serious revolutionary movement in Albania were greatly exaggerated.

Reports from Tirana state that unrest has been caused in the Dibra district by insubordination of an aide de camp of the King who left the Court and refused to return. The incident is confined to Dibra, however.—*Reuter Special.*

NAVIGATION PACT

Changchun, Dec. 27.

The Manchukuo authorities have announced that the regulations governing navigation of the Soviet-Manchukuo boundary rivers were formally signed by delegates of the two Government at Taheiho yesterday.—*Central News.*

M. Trotsky, whose reinstatement, with the aid of a foreign Power or Powers, is reported to have been recently planned.

Closing The Saar Frontier

PRECAUTIONS OF PLEBISCITE

CALM STILL PREVAILS

(Special to "Telegraph")

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Saarbruecken, Dec. 26.

The frontiers of the Saar will be closed at midnight and from that time onwards the only persons who will be allowed to enter the area will be those in possession of permits, properly signed by authoritative persons.

The frontier will be closed until January 26.

The Governing Commission announces that it is taking this action with a view to excluding undesirable elements which might cause trouble during the plebiscite, before or after it.

Meanwhile, conditions remain quiet. There have been no indications that there will be need for intervention of the foreign troops on duty here.—*Reuter Special.*

INCIDENTS UNLIKELY

Saarbruecken, Dec. 26.

Any prospect of incidents disturbing the peace of the Saar before or after the plebiscite is most unlikely in view of the good relations being steadily established between the foreign soldiers and the inhabitants.

A big crowd to-day listened to and applauded the band of the Essex Regiment in the marketplace at Neuenkirchen.

British troops everywhere appear to be on the best of terms with the Saarlanders, who frequently offer them drinks and cigarettes as a token of friendship.

One of the men of the Essex Regiment said:—"This is not a half bad spot; these blokes are quite friendly. I've had more drinks offered me in the last few days than during a long time in England."—*Reuter Special.*

CHINESE DEPORTED

Tsingtao, Dec. 27.

Another batch of Chinese, numbering twenty-two, has been deported by the Japanese Government. Their property has been confiscated, according to reports.

They arrived here yesterday from Osaka on board a Japanese steamer. They will appeal to the Chinese Government to take steps to obtain redress.—*Central News.*

Hitler's Healing Diplomacy

RETRACTING THREAT TO CRUSH FRANCE

WHEN PLEBISCITE IS COMPLETED

Paris, Dec. 26.

Le Journal, to-day, states that Herr Hitler will publicly retract the passage in his autobiography "Mein Kampf," in which he declares that Germany must crush France as a step to pave the way to a resumption of diplomatic negotiations for solution of the present Franco-German disarmament impasse. He will make his retraction after the Saar plebiscite, the paper says.

It adds that Hitler will explain that this passage was written during a period of bitterness while he was imprisoned in a fortress following an unsuccessful attempt at a Nazi rising ten years ago and when French troops were in occupation of the Ruhr.

In "Mein Kampf" Hitler says more than once that the destruction of France is a means to an end, not an end in itself.

COVERING REAR

"Keenly as we all recognise the necessity of a settlement of accounts with France, it would be ineffectual on the whole if it were made the sole object of our foreign policy. It can begin to mean anything only when it is regarded as covering our rear for an expansion of territory in Europe.

Thus, he had argued for the destruction of France only because she was a great obstacle to the German ambition to expand in Europe.—*Reuter.*

RYDER CUP DATE SET

BATTLE IN U.S. IN SEPTEMBER

New York, Dec. 26.

The President's office of the Professional Golfers' Association to-day announced the date of the Ryder Cup golf contest, September 28 and 29.

America will defend the trophy, the British players arriving early in September to limber up for the greatest test of skill that golfing knows.

Although, of all sporting events the Ryder Cup match is probably the most uncertain, America is favoured to retain the trophy this year. The teams have not yet been selected, but will shortly be announced.—*Reuter.*

FAMOUS FINANCIER

MR. JOHN ANDRUS PASSES AWAY

New York, 26.

Mr. John Emery Andrus, reputed to be one of the wealthiest men in the world, passed away to-day at the age of 93.

In other days, he was one of the great fighting figures on Wall Street, and his movements in the market resulted in fatal slumps and sensational rises in stocks he attacked or supported.—*Reuter.*

The Dollar Steamship Lines advise that their liner President Coolidge will sail from Hongkong at 8 a.m. on Saturday, December 29, for Shanghai, Kobe, Yokohama, Honolulu, San Francisco and Los Angeles.

HOME FOOTBALL

The results of yesterday's Home football matches will be found on Page Eight.

M. Stalin, whose murder coupled with the reinstatement of M. Trotsky, is alleged to have been plotted by those concerned in the death of M. Kirov.

Riverboat Strike Plan Maturing

GUILD ADHERES TO DECISION

WALK-OUT ON SATURDAY

The China Coast Officers' Guild's decision to call a strike at midnight on Saturday in respect of Chinese-owned steamers whose owners are not paying the arbitration scale of wages remains unaltered, stated Mr. W. E. Kirby, Secretary of the Guild, this morning.

Mr. Kirby added that the only new development in the situation was that one or two of the owners concerned had invited masters to attend their offices, for a purpose which has not been disclosed.

The masters who have such invitations will comply with them, and, if any fresh offer is made, will report to the Guild.

The Guild is holding a meeting this afternoon to discuss the strike issue.

All the vessels involved, except the Wing Lee, which is on the Hoihow run, are engaged in river services, either between Hongkong and Canton or between Hongkong and Kongmoon. They will all be in Hongkong on the date fixed for the strike.

10,000 SETTLERS FOR MANCHURIA

JAPANESE TO FARM FRONTIER LAND

Changchun, Dec. 27

The Japanese-Manchukuo Colonisation Company, a Government controlled concern, has decided to settle at least 10,000 Japanese subjects in Northern Manchuria during the first year of their programme. Five districts bordering Soviet territory in eastern Kirin Province will be assigned for the first colonisation zone.

The Japanese-Manchukuo Colonisation Company is a newly formed concern with a capital of $50,000,000 for the purpose of settling a large number of unemployed Japanese and Korean farmers in Manchuria.—*Central News.*

SIKANG'S GOVERNOR

Nanking, Dec. 26.

The Executive Yuan of the National Government has appointed General Liu Wen-hui as the first Chairman of the Provincial Government of Sikang, which is created a province, and is no longer under old special administrative area system.—*Central News.*

FOREIGN STATE IN SOVIET PLOT

PROMISE OF ARMED AID ALLEGED

SCHEME TO OVERTHROW STALIN'S REGIME

(By Telegraph. Copyright, Telegraphic Messages Ordinance, 1894. Received, Dec. 27, 8.30 a.m.)

Moscow, Dec. 26.

It is officially announced that thirteen of the fourteen men arrested for the murder of the Leningrad official, Kirov, have confessed to membership in a "terrorist group" organised in the old capital. But only three men, Nikolayev, Antonoff and Zvezdov have admitted planning the assassination of Kirov.

Testimony before the prosecutor at Leningrad was of a most sensational nature.

Nikolayev stated that the terriorists planned the murder of Stalin, also, and added that he had negotiated with an unnamed Consulate in Leningrad for military intervention from abroad if the plotters' coup succeeded.

This man went on to say that he had received 5,000 roubles to finance the operations of the directing committee of the counter-revolutionaries in Leningrad, and that the Consulate friendly to their cause had also offered to make contact with the banished Trotsky, whom the plotters planned to reinstate at the head of the Soviet Government.

The rebels planned to oust Stalin, Molotov, Kaganovitch and Kirov, one way or another, but preferably at pistol's point. Trotsky, Zinovieff and Kameneff would have succeeded to the chief posts of the Union had the coup been successful.—*United Press.*

POWERS INVOLVED

Moscow, Dec. 26.

The allegation that a foreign consulate whose nationality was not stated, was in close touch with those responsible for the murder of Kirov, was made in the indictment against Nikolayev and thirteen other rebel Communists who were accused of plotting the assassination of Kirov to-day.

The indictment declares that former members of the Zinovieff "Opposition Group" in Leningrad planned the coup with the object of changing the policy of the Soviet Government and placing Zinovieff and Trotsky in power. They sought to accomplish this by acts of terrorism against Soviet officials and Kirov was their first victim, says the prosecution.

Most amazing of all is the allegation that his group of plotters counted on armed assistance from certain foreign powers.

NEGOTIATIONS

Nikolayev apparently admits that he negotiated with the unnamed consulate with regard to assistance for the plotters. The

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CHINESE SILVER POLICY

INFLATION NOT CONSIDERED

BUYING H.K. BULLION

Shanghai, Dec. 27.

Out of a welter of rumours, reports and denials regarding the future policy of the National Government in relation to silver come two most definite statements from General Chiang Kai-shek and Mr. H. H. Kung, Minister of Finance, both of whom declare that there is no intention on the part of the Government to devalue the silver dollar.

Mr. Kung definitely states that rumour-mongers have been exciting the financial market to their own advantage with reports that the Government intended to devalue the dollar, adopt a policy of inflation and adopt a standard paper currency. These he denies.

General Chiang Kai-shek, in a special interview at Fenghua, corroborates Mr. Kung's statements.

In order to meet the present silver shortage in Shanghai, it is freely reported that $20,000,000 worth of silver is being sent from Hongkong to Shanghai.—*Reuter.*

CHINA RELIEVED

Shanghai, Dec. 27.

It is believed in local financial circles that as a result of repeated protests made by the Chinese Government, the American Government has been persuaded to moderate its silver purchasing policy abroad and to give due consideration to the position of China in future silver purchases.

Meanwhile, local leaders have reached arrangements with the Central Bank of China, the Bank of Communications and the Bank of China for a credit of $10,000,000 in order to relieve market.—*Central News.*

SPEED FLIER'S BIG PRIZE

FRENCHMAN WINS A FORTUNE

Paris, Dec. 26.

The speed at which Raymond Delmotte travelled to set a new world's record for land planes is officially announced at 505.848 kilometres per hour.

The airman wins a prize of 300,000 francs offered by the Air Ministry for a world record in a French machine, according to *Le Petit Parisien.*—*Reuter.*

Nye Extending Investigation

PROMISED FINANCIAL SUPPORT

(Special to "Telegraph")

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Washington, Dec. 26.

After conferring with President Roosevelt, Senator Nye, Chairman of the Arms Investigation Committee, announced that the President had assured him that the Government would in every way co-operate with the Committee.

The President further stated that he had endorsed the appropriation of additional funds for the prupose of carrying on the investigations.

Senator Nye recently announced that provided Congress made the necessary appropriations, the Committee's investigations would be extended to banking and shipbuilding.—*Reuter Special.*

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FILMLAND NEWS

George Arliss and Norma Shearer Popular

BRITISH PLEBISCITE

Who are the most popular film stars in Britain?

According to one analysis the premier position among male players is held by George Arliss, and among women by Norma Shearer.

This is one result brought out by the Sidney L. Bernstein questionnaire. Bernstein is associated with several cinemas in London and the provinces, and some time ago he invited patrons to answer a variety of questions on film topics. A quarter of a million questionnaires were issued, and of these almost exactly half were returned completed.

One of the questions asked filmgoers to name their favourite actors and actresses. The voting placed the male stars in the following order of popularity:—

1	George Arliss.	27	Gary Cooper.
2	Clark Gable.	28	Walter Huston.
3	Wallace Beery.	29	Bing Crosby.
4	Clive Brook.	30	John Barrymore.
5	Robert Montgomery.	31	Douglas Fairbanks, jun.
6	Ronald Colman.		
7	Jack Hulbert.	32	Paul Lukas.
8	Lionel Barrymore.	33	Spencer Tracy.
9	Charles Laughton.	34	Lewis Stone.
10	Tom Walls.	35	Charles Farrell.
11	Warner Baxter.	36	Paul Muni.
12	Fredric March.	37	Stan Laurel.
13	Conrad Veidt.	38	Otto Kruger.
14	Herbert Marshall.	39	Oliver Hardy.
15	Leslie Howard.	40	Lionel Atwill.
16	Jack Holt.	41	Cary Grant.
17	Jack Buchanan.	42	Lee Tracy.
18	Eddie Cantor.	43	Ricardo Cortez.
19	Maurice Chevalier.	44	Dick Powell.
20	George Raft.	45	Edward G. Robinson.
21	Ramon Navarro.	46	H. B. Warner.
22	Ralph Lynn.	47	Francbot Tone.
23	William Powell.	48	Richard Dix.
24	John Boles.	49	Sydney Howard.
25	James Cagney.	50	Gordon Harker.
26	Richard Arlen.		

Marie Dressler Second

The female stars were rated in the following order of popularity:—

1	Norma Shearer.	27	Fay Wray.
2	Marie Dressler.	28	Ruby Keeler.
3	Greta Garbo.	29	Lilian Harvey.
4	Kay Francis.	30	Winifred Shotter.
5	Marlene Dietrich.	31	Irene Dunne.
6	Katherine Hepburn.	32	Sylvia Sidney.
7	Gracie Fields.	33	Marion Davies.
8	Janet Gaynor.	34	Ruth Chatterton.
9	Joan Crawford.	35	Elizabeth Allen.
10	Claudette Colbert.	36	Joan Bennett.
11	Jean Harlow.	37	Miriam Hopkins.
12	Cicely Courtneidge.	38	May Robson.
13	Diana Wynyard.	39	Sally Eilers.
14	Jessie Matthews.	40	Constance Cummings.
15	Joan Blondell.		
16	Madeleine Carroll.	42	Zasu Pitts.
17	Mae West.	42	Carole Lombard.
18	Ann Harding.	43	Anna Neagle.
19	Loretta Young.	44	Nancy Carroll.
20	Madge Evans.	45	Ginger Rogers.
21	Myrna Loy.	46	Alison Skipworth.
22	Constance Bennett.	47	Victoria Hopper.
23	Barbara Stanwyck.	48	Frances Dee.
24	Jeanette MacDonald.	49	Bebe Daniels.
25	Helen Hayes.	50	Mary Brough.
26	Elissa Landi.		

To provide an interesting comparison with these figures, it may be pointed out that in 1928 the first six places among male stars were held by, in their order:—Ronald Colman, Richard Dix, Douglas Fairbanks, Adolphe Menjou, Syd Chaplin, Charlie Chaplin.

In 1932, the placings were:—Ronald Colman, Clive Brook, George Arliss, Robert Montgomery, Maurice Chevalier, John Boles.

The popularity of female stars in 1928 was:—Dolores del Rio and Betty Balfour (equal), Clara Bow, Esther Ralston, Vilma Banky, Florence Vidor, Mary Pickford.

The order in 1932 was:—Norma Shearer, Constance Bennett, Marie Dressler, Ruth Chatterton, Janet Gaynor, Greta Garbo.

Clark Gable's Big Rise

Further comparison between the favourite male stars of 1932 and 1934 reveals that Clark Gable has risen from position 28 to second place, and Wallace Beery from position 10 to third place. Maurice Chevalier, on the other hand, has dropped from fifth to nineteenth, and John Boles from sixth to twenty-third.

George Arliss's popularity appears to be universal in sexes and ages; Clark Gable gains a little from the women in all age groups.

The most notable exclusive sex likes are the popularity of Warner Baxter, Herbert Marshall, and Fredric March among women; and the popularity of Jack Hulbert, Charles Laughton, Lionel Barrymore, and Tom Walls among men.

The precedence of Clark Gable among patrons of less than 21 years of age is naturally to be expected. A little surprising, however, is the second place of Clive Brook among older patrons, and the special popularity of Jack Hulbert among the under 21's.

In 1932 the leading British actor in the popularity contest was Ralph Lynn, seventh in the general list. He was followed by Tom Walls (eighth) and Jack Buchanan (eighteenth.) The position in 1934 is:—Jack Hulbert (7), Charles Laughton (9), Tom Walls (10), Herbert Marshall (14), Jack Buchanan (17), Ralph Lynn (22).

Among female stars, compared with 1932, Kay Francis has risen from twelfth to fourth, and Marlene Dietrich from tenth to fifth, while Katharine Hepburn, who did not figure in the 1932 questionnaire results, now occupies sixth place.

Constance Bennett Slump

Constance Bennett, on the other hand, has dropped from second to thirty-second, Ruth Chatterton from fourth to eighteenth, and Janet Gaynor from fifth to eighth.

Sex preferences show more men than women for Marlene Dietrich, and more women than men for Greta Garbo. Especially notable is the preference of men for Kay Francis and Jean Harlow, and the preference of women for Katharine Hepburn.

As for age preferences, in the above 40 class Marie Dressler even beats Norma Shearer. Gracie Fields draws most of her popularity from among the older patrons, and Jean Harlow from among the younger.

Among British actresses Madeleine Carroll led in 1932, followed by Yvonne Arnaud. The 1934 position is:—Gracie Fields, Cicely Courtneidge, Diana Wynyard, Jessie Matthews, Madeleine Carroll.

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TURKISH WORKERS' SAFEGUARD

PENALTIES FOR STRIKES

Istanbul, Dec. 19.

Turkish workers are to have a labour law to safeguard them shortly.

The bill drawn up by the National Economy ministry has been examined by the highest judicial body in the country, the State Council and is to be submitted immediately to the National Assembly.

Strikes and lock-outs come under severe penalties for the instigators responsible or for agitators. The differences between workers and owners are to be smoothed by arbitration committees which will sit under the highest State functionary of the locality.

Obligatory insurance is imposed for the first time, three quarters being payable by the owner and one quarter by the workers.

For adult males only the working day is to be eight hours and extra hours are to be paid double. All workers must have written contracts.

WORKINGMEN OFFENDED

JOKER LANDS IN PRISON CAMP

Kassel, Dec. 21.

A practical joke landed Alfred Thill, a shop-keeper in the nearby village of Volkmarsen, in the concentration camp.

Thill, upon request of the local rabbit breeders' society to donate prizes for their annual show, had sent them a couple of old tin cans, a musty baby bottle, and an alarm clock without works and hands, all of the "prizes" amply covered with dust and dirt.

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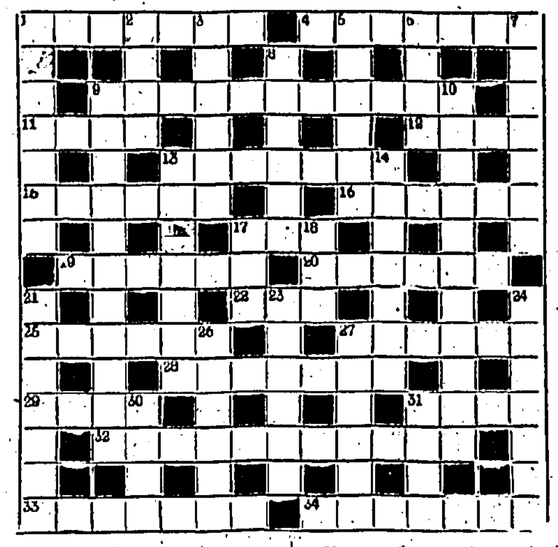

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1 Wielded by a 12 Across, but it has a tang of the tomahawk.
4 He'll get there in the end, which is quainter than his start.
9 Farmers can rely upon getting a good crop here (two words).
11 Scolded, or it is a flower.
12 A degree.
13 You'd never expect raw eggs to give you such a dashing air.
15 Races often broadcast.
16 Wood in which a large number would give rise to unkind talk.
17 Wood.
19 Not as broad as it's long.
20 Moral science.
22 Yet more wood.
25 Entices birds.
27 A difficult question—but the inside doesn't bear this out!
28 Breed you find it hard to define.
29 What cooks are accustomed to in Coventry.
31 Darkens 5 down in the East, but it doesn't make them as dark as it sounds.
32 Its feature consists of twin peaks, and it suggests Fenimore Cooper (hyphen).
33 It's not so nice with a centre of Italian wine.
34 Proof of will.

Down

1 Cup-bearers.
2 Conduct metal?
3 You have two of them, and let's hope you are not out at them!
5 You can get them from the cat but we lost most of them last summer.
6 Mental condition upset by fate.
7 Wednesday's dish?
8 You can always get a rug in this famous old town.
9 "Bee lack'd bib" (anag. hyphen).
10 He doesn't succeed.
13 Identical word.
14 A great painter.
17 Time to grow old.
18 The border of deprecation.
21 Suspend business and go to another place.
23 Teal, for example, anagrammatically.
24 You can make a real pet of this good man.
26 Origin mostly acid.
27 Found behind the counter, and that he is too.
30 A word you often hear in a 9 Across.
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MYSTERIES OF MANDARINS

INDIAN LOVE POTIONS

(By A Correspondent)

The rapid advance of science and the general progress of civilisation have been unable to give perfumes superior or more effective in their results than those already in common use in the East. The wonderful blending of herbs and flowers, which combine to produce the intoxicating odours often smelt in the East, are still the secret of those who so cunningly compounded them.

The particular perfume most popular in the East is, as a matter of fact, distilled in most countries, but the secret preparation of the Indian equivalent, "golab," is still a mystery to those who attempt to probe and analyse its constituents. It is a widely-used scent in the palaces and harems of maharajahs, most of whom have in their employ skilled perfumiers to whom the secret has been handed down for many generations, and who are so jealous of their skill that they make just a sufficient quantity for the use of their master's household, and favoured indeed is the minion on whom they choose to bestow a few precious drops.

Eastern perfumes generally have a heavy clinging odour, but that is because they have not been properly prepared. Take, for example, the smell of sandalwoods. Here we have a perfume, so delicious and yet so delightfully Eastern that a mere suggestion of it conjures up visions of hanging draperies, marble arches, and cool sparkling fountains. Here is the haven of seductive rest, made particularly attractive with the knowledge of the burning sun outside.

A WONDERFUL RESTORATIVE

It was while on a visit to a relative in one of the native States in India that I was given a taste of what could really be done by the wizards that concoct these perfumes. It is midsummer and twenty hours on a camel's back was not calculated to increase my comfort materially. With aching limbs and infinite physical discomfort, I dismounted outside my cousin's "mankaam" at Raitpore. I was burning with fever, and my tired bones could obtain no ease, till the family "hakim" approached and, unscrewing a wooden case, extracted a little metal phial. Taking care that not a drop was spilt, he applied the bottle to my nostrils. I had barely taken a sniff when he withdrew his hand hastily. I knew no more till the light of morning awakened me, fit and well, free from racking pain.

I cajoled the old man in vain for the secret of his drug; for sold in the market place, it would have assured the fortune of those who compounded it.

THE SMELL OF DEATH

Another such scent is the secret of certain unscrupulous Mong Siam mandarins, who choose to ruin any who have thwarted them. They get their agents to seek out the victim, and after having made his acquaintance, to offer him a small sample of their wonderful aromatic drug. None who have once taken a breath of it can rest contented unless he has it continually by his side, and men have risked their lives for as much as would fill a thimble. But it is fatal, for though its action is microscopic, it is sure and steady, and eats away the brain till the victim turns an imbecile and ends his life raving frantically for more. It is known in Mongolia as the "Smell of Death," and to this day has defied analysis.

Musk and civet are widely used in secret Eastern perfumes, the musk having an odour quite unlike anything else, and the civet smelling evilly till combined with alcoholic tincture, when it takes on a pleasing odour. Apart from the widely known scents that contain a proportion of civet, there is a secret Indian scent, which is in wide demand. This scent is used in the same way as the love-philtre of old, though its influence on sane men is a thousand times more powerful.

Luigi Pirandello, Italian dramatist who is best known in America for his "Six Characters in Search of an Author," is the recipient of the Nobel Prize for literature, it was announced in Stockholm. He is the third Italian writer to receive the award.

One taste of it is calculated to fill the imagination, with physical thoughts, and it has an unpleasant sensuality about it from which it is exceedingly difficult to escape. It is used exclusively by certain wealthy natives in the East, who keep it to lure on to destruction those who captivate them. What chance has a poor caged girl, when once in the clutches of a nefarious captor? Ostensibly he is the very essence of courtliness, and her humble slave, but added to the droning languorous beat of the sensual music that is played, the hushed atmosphere, and the dimmed lighting, is the introxicating effect of this mystic drug that assails his helpless prey. There is r[illegible] for him to command, he can bend her to his will as he pleases. The pity of it all is that under the diabolical influence of this drug, the senses are numbed, clear thinking is impossible, the reason gives way to inclination.

When in the gay, bad city of Calcutta, I paid frequent visits to Chitpore, in the heart of the native quarter, to see for myself if the stories of the sweet-smelling drug, "bhusoo," were true. The drug has a sickly scent and is not unlike wet straw and sawdust. It is rather pungent, and if inhaled deeply sends the inhaler off into a deep sleep. Men of the "goonda" class (apaches), inviegle victims into their dens and give them quantities of this scent. When they go off into a sleep they are robbed of every penny, and taken out and left in the street or in a clump of jungle. Very often every stitch of clothing they possess is taken and they are left naked and unashamed.

WONDERFUL DREAMS

All the while they are dreaming the most wonderful dreams, and are living a life of imaginary pleasure. They naturally get a rude shock when they awake in the cold grey morning, and are compelled to beg from passers-by.

Certain poisonous and also several medicated scents are common in the East. There is a famous bouquet, which is often given to victims of mild insect or snake poisoning. It cures, but in an indirect manner, causing violent eruption of the skin, through which the accumulated poisons eject themselves. I have often seen "yogis" administering a sweet-smelling herb to patients bitten by snakes whose stings were not fatal. Once I examined a patient, and was astounded to see the eruptions coming out under my eyes.

The effect on the poor man was terrible, for he kept leaping about in agony as the poison worked its way out through his skin, and I believe it was some time before he could lie down in comfort.

Rare are photographs of Mr. Geoffrey George Knox, chairman of the League of Nations Commission governing the Saar territory. Here you see him seated at his desk in his official residence (inset) in Saarbruecken, capital of the troubled region.

YEAR'S TOLL BY FLOOD AND STORM

RECORD HEAT WAVES

EUROPE BADLY INJURED

London, Dec. 11.

Exceptionally heavy rainfalls, followed by devastating floods, and the almost complete lack of drought periods, were the outstanding weather feature in several eastern hemisphere countries, during the first eight months of 1934.

Poland suffered the heaviest damage, with about 600 lives lost and $250,000,000 damages during the great June floods, while two villages were wiped out and 50 people drowned in Norway, when thousands of tons of rock crashed in a narrow fjord causing 200 ft. high waves, in the most unusual European disaster of the year.

Both the Northern and Southern regions of Africa were also hit by torrential rains, which caused record-breaking floods.

The highest Nile flood for over 40 years was experienced last August in Egypt, where many towns and villages, and some Cairo suburbs were partly inundated. In Bechuanaland, Southern Africa, the Molopo River at Kalahari, which last had water in 1896, was on April 7 in full flood.

INDIA'S SHARE

India, as usual, came in for the largest world's share of floods, with Rangoon heading the list of damaged towns.

As a contrast, abnormally warm weather was experienced in many parts of Europe about the middle of April. In Switzerland snow melted rapidly on the mountains and rivers were as much swollen as they usually are at the beginning of June.

Floods were reported in Rumania during January and navigation was held up by ice at Braila on January 10. No snow or rain fell for nearly three weeks in many parts of Switzerland.

Belgium came in for its share of unusual weather in March and April. A violent storm, accompanied by hail, swept the Province of Brabant in March. Rain fell unceasingly for three days. On April 17, during a thunderstorm, a passenger train was struck by lightning near Namur.

While a hailstorm wrought great havoc among the vineyards of Tokay, Hungary, drought destroyed crops in the southern regions of Russia during May.

SUMMER FLOODS

The worst weather in Poland Ukrain, Jugo-Slavin, Rumania and Switzerland occurred almost uninterruptedly during July, August and September, when terrific floods resulted in great loss of life and enormous damage.

Severe floods and excessive rains were experienced in British Guinna during January, while bush fires occurred in South Australia early in March. A heat wave struck that region from the 3rd to the 11th, when thermometers registered 110.5 degrees Farenheit in Adelaide on the 9th—the highest temperature ever recorded in March.

Severe gales were experienced at Karachi, on May 9. Two inches of rain fell in 45 minutes, and 25 people were killed. Another cloudburst on a similar scale occurred the following day. At the end of the month, a heat wave hit the Madras Presidency, while the moonsoon rain had not reached Burma by May 21, which constitutes a record for nearly 50 years.

Heavy rains in the Himalayas caused disastrous floods in parts of Assam, East Bengal and Bihar late in June. Many villages were submerged and crops destroyed. A great sandstorm swept over the Khartoum district, Egypt, on June 7, and was followed by heavy rain. Similar floods occurred in August in Bombay province. West of Rajshaly the embankments of the Ganges gave way and hundreds of villages were flooded, during September.

Full of Herr Hitler's praises wherever he goes, Herr Rudolf Hess, the Nazi Chieftain's deputy, is pictured greeting local leaders in Dresden.

Sir Charles Kingsford Smith will have rivals for distance flying in Pangbourn and Turner, the Americans, who plan to circle the Globe, non stop. Here is Sir Charles having a look at Melbourne in the plane with which he spanned the Pacific, the Shrine of Remembrance below.

The cornerstones of the Shanghai City Government's projected library and museum buildings were laid recently by Mayor Wu Teh-chen with appropriate ceremonies and before a large audience. The Mayor is shown here as he placed a bronze casket into the library building.

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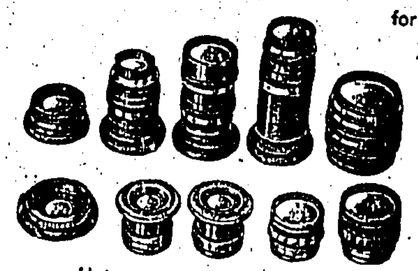

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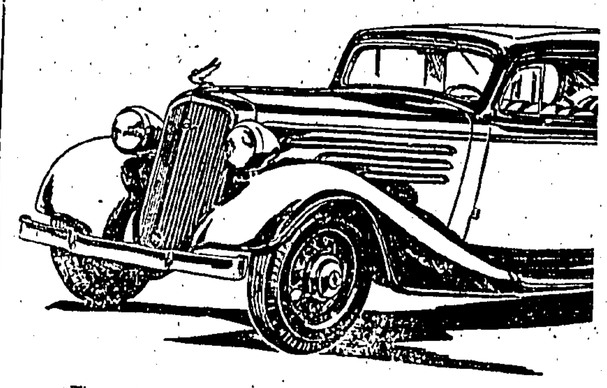

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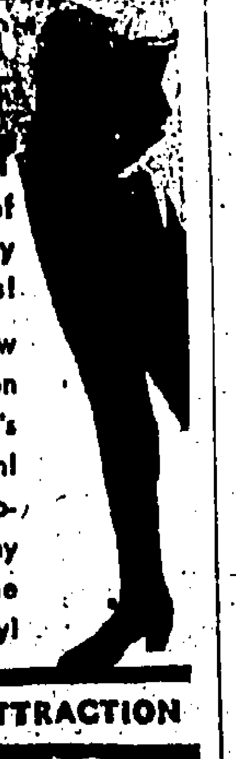

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CORRESPONDENCE

Threatened Strike

The Editor,
Hongkong Telegraph

Sir,—Your correspondent, Mr. Lee Kean-chee, is a welcome sympathiser with the Mercantile Marine officers, even though his sympathies are somewhat divided at present.

May I suggest that Mr. Lee eddeavour, as a layman, to discover what becomes of the amount of money representing the difference between the wages the owners agreed to pay and the sum the Mercantile Marine officers actually receive, something "far below a living wage?"

Also, if no coercion is used in the engaging of these men, how did their numerous predecessors come to vacate their berths?

Mr. Lee might give his full sympathies to the Mercantile Marine officers after obtaining information on these two points alone, not to mention a number of others.

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Messrs. Benjamin & Potts have received the following Straits currency quotations (buyers) from Singapore to-day for raw rubber:—

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NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

MARKET IRREGULAR YESTERDAY

The following reports on the New York stock market have been received through Messrs. Swan, Culbertson and Fritz: *The Wall Street Journal* report on yesterday's markets:—Stocks were irregular with specialised trading, wherein activity centred on utilities which were downward. Dow Jones average going fractionally above the lowest in hstiry. Independent steels were active and higher. Major steels were steady and quiet in spite of the report by the "Iron Age" of an advance. Motors were firm, due to increased production. Other issues were dull due to the approaching Congress session. Bonds were quiet and irregular. Stocks on the Curb Exchange were downward. Wheat was upward in sympathy with higher corn, buying of which was due to the cold wave in the Middle West.

S. C. and F. New York office cables: Stocks: Leaders were softer in a market that was quiet and featureless. Holiday steel operations were at the highest level for 5 years. The publication "Iron Age" forecasts the largest January automobile production for 5 years. The Federal Housing Administration has reported the value of November home repairs at 62% above a year ago. Daily crude oil production totalled 2,447,000 barrels for the week ended December 22. International Nickel reported that world consumption of nickel is approaching the 1929 level. Earnings of the first 11 railroads reporting for November were 17% below a year ago, against a 10% drop in October. Business done: 1,050,000 shares.

New York and Chicago commodity reports received through Messrs. Swan, Culbertson and Fritz:—

Cotton: January liquidation was heavier than expected. Reports that President Roosevelt is opposed to disturbing the currency may cause some liquidation. A $20 per bale Tolerance Tax on excess production on growers to mills is now being discussed as a spur to textile exports.

Grains: Wheat: There was some improvement in flour demand, but cash buying was light and profit-taking continues on advances. Corn improvement looks like a rally rather than the beginning of a substantial advance which apparently awaits an improvement in cash demand. Although temporary advances are always possible, we consider that fundamentals indicate eventually lower prices for wheat in Canada. We expect a sharp temporary bulge in Liverpool during January.

Dow-Jones Averages:

	Dec. 24.	Dec. 26.
30 Industrials	100.69	100.35
20 Rails	35.57	35.30
20 Utilities	17.28	16.83
40 Bonds	95.14	95.09
11 Commodity	60.69	61.12

17 Leading Stocks

	Dec. 26.
Amer. Can	109
Amer. Smelt	37¾
Am. T. & T.	102
Auburn	24¼
Case	53⅛
Du Pont	94⅞
El. Bo. & Sh.	6⅛
Gen. Motors	32¼
Int. T. & T.	8
McIntyre	40
Montgomery Ward	28⅛
Nat. Distillers	27⅞
N.Y. Central	19½
Socony-Vacuum	13⅝
Union Pacific	104¼
U.S. Steel	36½
West. E. & M.	35

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MANILA STOCK EXCHANGE

PHILIPPINE GOLD SHARE QUOTATIONS

To-day's quotations as received by Messrs. Swan, Culbertson and Fritz shortly after the close of the morning session of the Manila Stock Exchange are as follows:—

	Price In Pesos Asked Price	Bid Price	Sales	Volume in Pesos
Antamok Goldfields	0.66	0.63	0.65	20000
Baguio Gold Mining	0.31	0.30	0.31	2000
Benguet Consolidated	11.00	11.00	11.00	20000
Gold River	0.18	0.17	0.18	10000
Ipo Gold Mines	0.75	0.65	—	—
Itogon Mining Co.	0.36	0.34	0.35	1000
Salacot Mining Co.	0.14	0.13	0.14	6000
Suyoc Consolidated	0.30	0.28	0.29	4000
United Paracale	0.29	0.27	0.28	7000

S. C. & F. Gold share Index 73.1. Market steady. Volume Pesos 100,000.

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INWARD MAILS.

Japan	Toyama Maru	December 27.
Japan and Shanghai	Corfu	December 28.
Saigon and Air Mail ex Marseilles-Saigon Service (Marseilles, 12th December)	Felix Roussel	December 28.
Manila	General Pershing	December 28.
Japan	Lisbon Maru	December 28.
Manila	Pres. Coolidge	December 28.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai (Seattle, 8th December).	Pres. Jackson	December 28.
Japan	Tokushima Maru	December 28.
Straits	Ginyo Maru	December 29.
Straits	Morioka Maru	December 29.
Straits	Calchas	December 31.
Shanghai	Andre Lebon	January 1.
Japan	Bokuyo Maru	January 1.
Japan	Hawaii Maru	January 1.
Shanghai	Memnon	January 2.
Australia and Manila	Nellore	January 2.
Amoy	Santhia	January 2.
Shanghai	Burdwan	January 4.
Japan	Brisbane Maru	January 4.
Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver B.C., 15th December)	Emp. of Japan	January 4.
Japan and Shanghai	Hakone Maru	January 4.
Straits	Hakozaki Maru	January 4.
Calcutta and Straits	Hosang	January 4.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, 7th December)	Pres. Harrison	January 4.
Straits	Conte Rosso	January 5.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date and Time
Thursday.		
Samshui and Wuchow	Chung On	Thurs., Dec. 27, 4 p.m.
Friday.		
Shanghai and *Japan	Naldera	Fri., Dec. 28, 10.30 a.m.
Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Kwangtung	Fri., Dec. 28, 1 p.m.
Shanghai and *Japan	Felix Roussel	Fri., Dec. 28, 4.30 p.m.
Manila, Rabaul, Australia and New Zealand via Brisbane. (Due Brisbane, 14th January, 1935).	Nankin	Fri., Dec. 28, Parcels, Dec. 28, Noon. Reg., Dec. 28, 1.45 p.m. Letters, Dec. 28, 2.30 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haining	Fri., Dec. 28, 3 p.m.
*Shanghai, *Japan and *San Francisco (Due San Francisco, 20th Jan.)	General Pershing	Fri., Dec. 28, 5 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A. Central and South America, Canada, and *Europe via San Francisco, and *Europe via Siberia (Due San Francisco, 16th Jan.)	President Coolidge	Fri., Dec. 28. Parcels, Dec. 28, 3 p.m. Reg., Dec. 28, 4.15 p.m. Letters, Dec. 28, 5 p.m.
Amoy	Taima	Fri., Dec. 28, 5 p.m.
Saigon	Havdrot	Fri., Dec. 28, 5 p.m.
Saturday.		
Letters for "Bandoeng—Amsterdam Air Mail Service." K.P.O. Reg., Dec. 28, 4.30 p.m. Letters, Dec. 28, 5 p.m.	Corfu	Sat., Dec. 29. G.P.O. Reg., Dec. 29, 9 a.m. Letters, Dec. 29, 9.30 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, *East and *South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 25th January. K. P. O. Parcels, Dec. 28, 4.30 p.m. Reg., Dec. 29, 9 a.m. Letters, Dec. 29, 10 a.m.	Corfu	Sat., Dec. 29. G. P. O. Parcels, Dec. 28, 5 p.m Reg., Dec. 29, 9.45 a.m. Letters, Dec. 29, 10.30 a.m.
Manila	Pres. Jackson	Sat., Dec. 29, 4.30 p.m
Shanghai	Sunning	Sat., Dec. 29, 5 p.m.
Sunday.		
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Canton Maru	Sun., Dec. 30, 9 a.m.
Tuesday.		
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haiyang	Tues., Jan. 1, 9 a.m.
Batavia	Tjisalak	Tues., Jan. 1, 9 a.m.

*Superscribed correspondence only.

U.S. COMMODITY PRICES

LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

Messrs. Swan, Culbertson and Fritz have received the following quotations on the New York exchange for yesterday.

New York Cotton.

	Dec. 24. Close	Dec. 26. Closing Range
January	12.48	12.37-12.39
March	12.63	12.57-12.57
May	12.70	12.60-12.66
July	12.71	12.67-12.67
October (1935)	12.58	12.53-12.54
December (1935)	—	12.61-12.61
Spot	12.80	12.75

New York Rubber

December	12.85	12.83-12.83
January	12.86	12.87-12.88
March	13.08	13.09-13.09
May	13.20	13.27-13.29
July	13.45	13.47-13.47
September	13.65	13.67-13.67

Total sales:—83 lots

Chicago Wheat

December	98¼	98⅜-98⅜
May	99⅝	99⅜-99⅞
July	93¼	93⅞-94

Monday's sales:—5,901,000 bushels

Chicago Corn

December	91¼	93⅜-93⅜
May	88¼	89⅞-90
July	85½	86⅝-86⅝

Total sales:—4,628,000 bushels

Winnipeg Wheat.

December	78	Market closed
May	83	"
July	83⅝	"

New York Sugar

March	1.78	1.79-1.79
May	1.83	1.84-1.85
July	1.87	1.87-1.88
September	1.90	1.91-1.92

Total sales:—9,000 tons

New York Silk

March	1.31	1.33 -1.33
May	1.33	1.33 -1.33½
July	—	1.33½-1.33½

Total Sales:—190 lots

Montreal Silver.

December	53.40b	53.60b-53.60b
March	54.10b	54.25b-54.25b
May	54.60n	54.85-54.85
July	55.25b	55.35-55.55

Total sales:—0 contracts

New York Metals.

Copper March	6.25	6.43
Tin, March	50.65	50.65

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YEAR OF STEADY PROGRESS

ANNUAL MEETING

A year of steady and satisfactory progress, rather than one of any spectacular development, was reported by the Directors of the China Light and Power Company (1918), Limited, which held its annual general meeting at its head offices in St. George's Building this morning.

In the absence of Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, Chairman of the Company, Mr. A. H. Compton, Acting Chairman, presided at the meeting. Supporting him were the following:—Sir Elly Kadoorie, K.B.E., Mr. C. A. da Roza, Mr. Lawrence Kadoorie, Mr. Felix A. Joseph, Mr. M. K. Lo (Directors), Mr. D. W. Munton (Manager), and Mr. Noel Braga (Secretary).

Shareholders present were Messrs. T. M. Mitchell, M. E. Politi, F. M. Ellis, A. J. Walters, H.J.M. de Figueiredo, A. Nissim, Leung Yau-cheong, P.C. Potts, F. Austin (attorney for Mr. A. J. David), Ling Man-i, H.R. Sequeira, G.C. Moxon, P.M.N. da Silva (Sr.), P.M.N. da Silva (Jr.), P.N. da Silva, D. Ellis (attorney for O.I. Ellis), H. Samuel, Chua Shing-choo, C.N. da Silva, G.A. Harriman, R. Pestonji, J.H. Shaw, L.C.F. Bellamy, J.V. Braga, Lo Kai-wing and K. C. Mok.

CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH

Addressing the meeting, the chairman said:—Gentlemen,—It is much to be regretted that our Chairman, the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, is not able to preside at this Meeting, but I am sure it is matter for general satisfaction that his health is steadily improving, so that we may hope he will very shortly be quite himself again. Before dealing with the accounts, I should like to make reference to the death of one of our Directors, Mr. Lo Cheung-shui, the news of which was received with general regret.

The accounts for the financial year ended 30th September, 1934, have been in your hands for the requisite time, and I will therefore take them as read. The gross profit for the year amounted to $1,246,927.04, as against $1,134,690.02 for the previous financial year. After charging Profit and Loss Account with Directors', auditors' and consultants' fees, interest, depreciation, etc., the nett profit stands at $781,283.42.

There is very little of particular interest for me to report to you in connection with the year now under review. It has been a period rather of steady, satisfactory progress than one of any spectacular development. During the year we acquired a small house on Humphreys' Avenue and adapted it to our needs as a Substation and a Cash Collecting Office and Showroom. Development of our New Territories undertaking continues and the results may be considered satisfactory.

DIVIDEND PROPOSAL

After making the usual transfer of $60,000 to Reserve re General Managers' Rights and an additional transfer this year of $104,935.01, we have a sum of $785,815.16 (including $169,466.75 brought forward) available for distribution. We recommend the payment of a dividend of 45 cents per share on the "Old" Shares and proportionately on the "New" shares, leaving about $101,496.59 to be carried forward.

Shareholders will agree with me that we owe a great deal to the loyalty, industry and efficiency of our staff, without which such results could not be attained.

I now put the following formal resolution to the Meeting:—"That the report and accounts for the financial year ended 30th September, 1934, as presented to this meeting be adopted and passed, that a dividend of 45 cents per share on the shares allotted prior to 1st October, 1933, and proportionately on the shares allotted subsequently to that date be declared in respect of the financial year ended 30th September, 1934, and that the undivided profits of the Company (after the transfer of a sum of $164,935.01 to Reserve re General Managers' Rights) less such dividend be carried forward to Profit & Loss Account for the financial year 1934/35."

When that has been seconded, I shall be pleased to answer questions from shareholders as well as I can.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. F. A. Joseph and was carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

Proposed by Mr. T. M. Mitchell and seconded by Mr. H. J. M. de Figueiredo, Sir Elly Kadoorie and Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga were re-elected to the Board of Directors.

The re-election of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews, and Messrs. Linstead and Davis as auditors for the ensuing year at a remuneration of $1,800 each was proposed by Mr. A. Nissim and seconded by Mr. F. M. Ellis. This motion was carried.

Before the meeting terminated, the Chairman announced that dividend warrants might be obtained on application at the head office on and after January 7, 1935.

AMAZING CAREER OF BARON ALOISI

(Continued from Page 6.)

by the Yugo-Slavs, and therefore bound up to the policy of Belgrade. Italy was considered outside the sphere of Albanian interests and could count on nobody's support.

Baron Aloisi focused his policy on Zogu and gradually convinced him of the peril in a Yugo-Slav venture. Next he disclosed the advantages which might derive to Albania through friendship with Italy, always stressing the point that Italy held no dreams of territorial conquest, but merely wished to help in keeping foreign invaders at bay. Eventually Baron Aloisi gave full assurance of the country's independence, pointing out that with freedom there would come progress and civilisation after four centuries of servitude.

Zogu saw the situation, and accepted Italy's friendship offered by Baron Aloisi. The corner stone of the building was thus laid, for Yugo-Slav influence, pressing and insistent, was permanently repressed. The road was clear and Baron Aloisi began to build: he set up Albanian finances with an Italian loan and the creation of a National Bank of Albania; he organised a small but compact army, opened the door to Italian labour, enlarged oil concessions, built roads, bridges, canals and houses. At the end of 1926 the first Treaty of Tirana was drawn up, assuring political and territorial independence to Albania and supremacy over the Adriatic to Italy. In the course of a few months, under Signor Mussolini's orders, Baron Aloisi had built a solid foundation for the growth of Rome's policy in the Balkans.

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The third and last achievement, before his appointment as the Duce's right-hand man at the Foreign Office, was his policy in Turkey. Just as Albania had been an obstacle to the development of Italy's policy on the Adriatic coast, Turkey was barring the way to Italy's penetration in the Near East. In other words, Turkey, all but a friend, was making it impossible for Italy to get supplies of all that is essential to a country lacking in coal, wood, oil and iron. Baron Aloisi opened his political campaign at Ankara by assuring the Turkish Government, on behalf of Signor Mussolini that Italy was willing to give up all claims on Anatolia.

The chief cause of distrust having thus been removed, Baron Aloisi set to work to build up relations between Rome and Ankara; a new impulse was given to Italo-Turkish trade, Turkey's views in international affairs were strongly supported in Rome, and Turkey was finally given an access to Europe, which retrieved the country from her Oriental isolation.

Step by step Baron Aloisi made his way into the heart of the Turk and silently conducted his policy which resulted in a door open on the Black Sea for Italy. Finally the Italian envoy escorted the Turkish Foreign Minister to Rome, where agreements drawn up at Ankara were duly signed by Tewfik Rushdi Bey and Signor Mussolini. The pact of friendship between Italy and Turkey served the double purpose of a bridge for Turkey to span the distance which cut her off from European politics and economy, and of a new road to freedom for Italy, long a prisoner in the Mediterranean.

Tirana and Ankara are two mile-stones marking victories in the history of Baron Aloisi's political campaign. Without the Pact of Tirana, Italy would, no doubt, have been obliged to give in to combined pressure from France and the Little Entente; without the treaty with Turkey she would have missed a link between her ports and the Black Sea, whence supplies can now come freely.

These, in brief, are the salient points in a long line of services rendered by Baron Aloisi to his country. The past, wherein great things were accomplished by him in silence describes the nature of this man who holds many a surprise in store for those who till the fertile soil of international politics.

THREAT TO LOOT SUPPRESSED

Peking, Dec. 26.

A large group of rascals, styling themselves members of the Poor Men's Society, committed violence in Paoti District to-day.

They laid siege to a local police headquarters and disarmed a number of police. They threatened to loot and set fire to buildings, but they were fortunately held in check by the timely arrival of police reinforcements.—*Central News.*

THE BOOKSHELF

"THE WAY AND ITS POWER"

"The Way and Its Power: A Study of the 'Ta Te Ching,'" by Arthur Waley (Messrs. George Allen and Unwin, Ltd., London; 7s. 6d.) will be found a most fascinating book, not only to students of Chinese philosophy but to all who are interested in the development of human thought. Not the least interesting part of the book is the author's lengthy introduction to this the most famous of the Taoist scriptures. Mr. Waley has done a meritorious piece of work by the excellence of his translation, which he describes as philological rather than literary.

It is somewhat startling to find, as one peruses these pages telling of China in the Third Century B.C. that many of the problems then commanding the attention of philosophers and statesmen are similar in character to those which to-day confront the world. Even disarmament figures amongst these; witness the remark of King Hui of Chao to Kung Sun-lung, pacifist and logician: "Don't you think the truth may be that arms cannot be suppressed?" To which Kung replies: "The doctrine of the suppression of arms is the outcome of universal love, felt equally towards everyone under heaven. If such love exists only in words but not in actuality, this policy can certainly never be carried out." And does not the prospect of disarmament to-day still rest on the sincerity of those who pay it lip services?

"The Way and Its Power" is a valuable contribution to the knowledge of China of other days, rendered all the more so by the care taken in its translation.

A CENTURY OF CONFLICT

In "Freedom and Organisation: 1814-1914" (Messrs. George Allen and Unwin, Ltd., London; 15s.), Bertrand Russell, in collaboration with Peter Spence, seeks to show the weakening of the old forms of authority as a result of Liberal assaults and the more or less unintended growth of new forms of organisation owing to economic and technical developments. The theme is the interaction of theory and practice in the politics of the hundred years between the fall of Napoleon and the Great War.

In the author's view, the 19th Century was brought to its disastrous end by the conflict between industrial technique and political theory; the same causes that produced the Great War still operate and, unless checked by the international control of investment and raw material, will inevitably produce the same effect, but on a larger scale. "It is not by pacifist sentiment, but by worldwide organisation that civilised mankind is to be saved from collective disaster."

As might be imagined, the author approaches the problem involved from an extremely advanced viewpoint. The book is forcefully written, with much evidence of wide research in covering the numerous issues raised, and is freely interspersed with characteristically caustic comment where historical developments have run contrary to the author's ideas.

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SHARE PRICES

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:—

Banks.

Hongkong Banks, $1625 b. and sa.
H.K. Banks, (Lon. Reg.), £138½ n.
Chartered Bank, £16 n.
Mercantile Bank, A. and B. £82 n.
Mercantile Bank C., £13½ n.
East of Asia Bank, $93 n.
Am. O. Finance Corp., Sh. $20 n.
China O. Fin. Ord. Sh. $1.80 n.
China O. Fin. Pref. Sh. $4½ n.

Insurances.

Canton Ins., $270 b.
Union Ins., $510 b.
China Underwriters, $1.20 b.
China Fire, $520 n.
H.K. Fire Ins., $237½ n.
Internat'l Assce, Sh. $5.00 n.

Shipping.

Douglas, $40 s.
H.K. Steamboats, $7¼ n.
Indo-Chinas, (Pref.), $30 n.
Indo-Chinas, (Def.), $33 n.
Shell's (Bearer), 44/4½ n.
Union Waterboats, $13¾ n.

Mining.

Antamoks, 75 cts. sa.
Balatocs, $37 n.
Baguio Gold, 40 cts. n.
Benguets, $13.75 n
Benguets, Exploration, 21 cts. n.
Benguet Goldfield, 20 cts. n.
Big Wedge, 10 cts. n.
Gold Creek, 23 cts. n.
Gold River, 24 cts. n.
Ipo Mining, $1 n.
Itogons, 40 cts. n.
Salacot, 16 cts. n.
Kailan, 19/- n.
Langkats (Single), $15 n.
S'hai Explorations, Sh. $5 n.
S'hai Loans, Sh. $6 n.
Raubs, ex. div. $10.70 n.
Venz: Goldfield, $5 n.

Docks, etc.

H.K. Wharves, $112¾ s.
H.K. Docks, $12¾ n.
Providents (old), $1.40 n.
Providents (new), 50 cts. n.
Hongkews (old), Sh. $309 n.
New Engineerings, Sh. $5¾ n.
Shanghai Docks, Sh. $120 n.

Cotton Mills.

Ewo Cottons, Sh. $9 n.
S'hai Cottons, (old), Sh. $74 n.
S'hai Cottons, (new), Sh. $44¾ n.
Zoong Sings, $8.40 n.
Wing On Textiles, Sh. $55 n.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, $5.05 n.
H.K. Lands, $54 b.
H.K. Lands 4% debentures, $99½ b.
S'hai Lands, Sh. $24½ n.
Metropolitan Lands, Sh. $12.20 n.
Humphreys, $9¾ n.
H.K. Realties, $5.30 n.
Asia Realties "A" Sh. $100 n.
Asia Realties "B" Sh. $20 n.
Chinese Estates, $88 n.
China Realties, Sh. $12¼ n.
China Debenture, $123 n.

Public Utilities.

Tramway, $20.10 b.
Peak Trams (old), $12 n.
Peak Trams (new), $7 n.
Star Ferries, $98 b.
Yaumati Ferries, (old), $22 b.
China Lights (old), $10.40 n.
China Lights (new), $10.15 n.
H.K. Electrics, $71½ b. and sa.
Macao Electrics, $25 n.
Sandakan Lights, $8 n.
Telephone (old), $24¾ n.
Telephone (new), $10.70 b.
China Buses Sh. $12.40 n.
Singapore Tractions, 4/3 b.
Singapore Pref. 17/9 n.

Industrials.

Malabon Sugars, $8.70 n.
Cald: Macg. (old), Sh. $20 n.
Cald: Mack. (Pref.), $19¾ n.
Canton Ices, $2.85 n.
Cement (com.), $2.30 n.
H.K. Ropes, $4.10 n.

Stores

Dairy Farms $24 n.
Watson, $5 n.
Lane Crawfords, $8.75 n.
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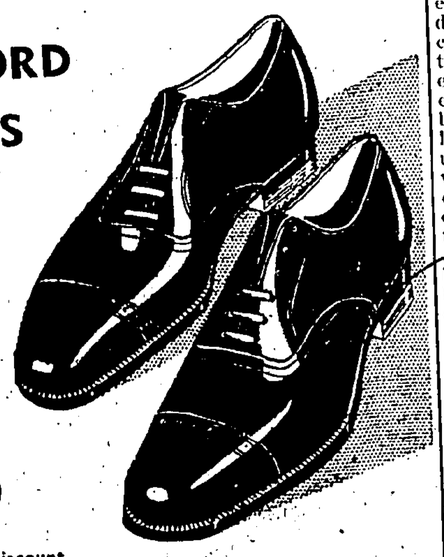

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THE COLONY'S SLUM PROBLEM

The Colony's slum problem was touched upon at the recent annual meeting of the Society for the Protection of Children. That there is strong need for the demolition of much of the old property in the more congested districts of Hongkong there cannot be the least doubt. In particular does this apply to the tenement-house type of building, in which overcrowding is so marked. But it is perfectly true, as Mr. Kotewall pointed out in his remarks, that even if slum clearance is tackled successfully, the problem of overcrowding will remain until such time as the earnings of unskilled labour are such as to permit of the renting of more hygienic premises. For the great majority of the people with which the Society for the Protection of Children is concerned, more and better food and clothing are the prime necessities, with improved housing occupying a relatively secondary position. It will therefore be seen that the problem is basically an economic one, with poverty the dominating factor in a situation complicated, as His Excellency the Governor remarked, by the easy entry of poor and unemployed people from neighbouring territory. His Excellency confesses that he has been unable to find any remedy which will meet the case. Nor is it easy to see what immediately effective measures can be taken to deal with the problem. Ameliorative work is being done by the S.P.C. and other bodies, but, as we have previously had occasion to remark, this does not go to the root of the matter. None the less, this aspect of charitable endeavour is deserving of the utmost support; indeed, for the very reason that it represents the limit of endeavour at the moment, it is essential that its scope should be made as wide as possible; and this can only be done by the public seeing to it that ample funds are made available. On the general question of slum clearance, however, there is need for the adoption of a more vigorous policy than that at present followed. The poverty of the people is no sufficient reason for tolerating the existence of buildings which are totally unfit for human habitation, as so many of the old tenement-houses undoubtedly are. So long as these hovels are allowed to remain, so long will even ameliorative work amongst the people living in them lose much of its value and potency. In England at the moment, the authorities are waging a ruthless war on the slum evil; there is call for similar action here in Hongkong. Admittedly, new difficulties would emerge from such action, but it is for the authorities to meet these as they arise. In the long run, of course, only a raising of the standard of living will bring about any widespread relief, but in the meantime there are aspects of the problem which urgently call for attention.

NOTES OF THE DAY

RESCUED FROM IDLENESS

The controversial features of the Unemployment Act, which became law in Britain last June, have engaged much attention. But too little has been said about one of its phases which provided that all unemployed girls and boys between the ages of 14 and 18 might be required to go through courses at juvenile instruction centres. Education authorities are now endeavouring to meet the new demand upon their services. It should be understood that this far-reaching reform is not an experiment. Since 1918 it has been pursued under a number of acts of Parliament which provided that unemployed boys and girls under certain circumstances should be required to attend instruction schools. The experience helped to save thousands of young persons from that loss of morale which so often results from unemployment. Crime among them was infrequent. Character and physique improved.

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LASTING EFFECTS

This being the lesson taught by prolonged experiment, the extension of the service to all the young unemployed is a reform which should have lasting effects on the whole life of the nation. Henceforward, all young people up to the age of 18 will, if out of work, either be compelled to attend the centres, or, if unusually intelligent children, will be given special educational facilities. It may be admitted that it would be better still if the children were kept longer at school—ideally, till 16 rather than 14. Such a provision would almost abolish unemployment among juveniles, and would remove the necessity for unemployed instruction centres. But in the absence of such a provision the next best thing is that these centres should be universally available for boys and girls at their most impressionable age.

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DU PONT MEMORANDUM

Add to evidence publicised by Senate munitions investigators last September the memorandum recently submitted, at the request of Senator Nye's committee, by Lammot du Pont. Clearly, the inquiry is getting somewhere. But not so far that the public can afford to transfer its attention from the investigation to such memoranda, says the Christian *Science Monitor*. Despite the du Pont offer of co-operation, and granting its sincerity, it is difficult to wax enthusiastic over such indications as it contains that private munitioneers are ready to devote their energies first and foremost to public welfare. First, there is the international armament trade's long record of questionable dealing to consider. Secondly, there is the du Pont memorandum itself. Senator Nye seems to have overestimated the du Pont's acceptance of the fact that "something is rotten in Denmark and that something has got to be done about it." In its context the "strict government control" phrase seems to express nothing stronger than a preference for such control to "prohibition of the traffic in arms."

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EXCESSIVE EARNINGS

Yet the memorandum expresses other opinions which show that this munitions firm is perhaps in agreement with, and at any rate certainly aware of, the progress of public opinion as regards the private profits on war: "Elimination of excessive earnings must apply to every business and to every individual." Here, it must be said, the du Pont paper touches on one of the most important questions that arise with regard to protecting the peace of nations from the exploitation of unscrupulous armourers. But what shall be the measure of "excessive profit"? If the pay that soldiers get for risking everything in the trenches were to be the gauge, would the incentive be sufficient to keep them supplied with weapons and ammunition? Certainly the time is coming when all peoples will insist that the burdens of warfare be equitably distributed as between man power and money power. The du Pont memorandum is a symptom of fairly recent public enlightenment. The arms investigation by the United States Senate is adding to that enlightenment and laying the groundwork for effective legislation on the arms traffic. Perhaps as this investigation continues further recommendations from the arms industry will be requested and received. These may contain valuable suggestions for checking abuses. But even more important than arms magnates' opinions on methods of control is the information on their practices which the Nye committee is unearthing. It is on the basis of this information that nations must decide how to deal with this problem most effectively.

AMAZING CAREER OF BARON ALOISI

By PAUL CREMONA

BARON Pompeo Aloisi, a Roman by birth, spirit and enthusiasm—thereby perhaps a politician born—belongs to that select class of Italian diplomats whose words mean facts, whose every step means results.

His political force is in no wise dependent upon the verbose polemics so dear to modern diplomacy, for he is not a great orator of the type of Jaures or Briand.

His aim is always creative political action, complying with the natural laws of human society, rather than with the good rules of rhetoric. Speech, slow in coming and sometimes harsh, is merely an instrument with him, advantageously used to plan, organise and establish definite situations. In this respect he might perhaps be compared to Bismarck, whose harsh, slow locution was far more effective than an easy stream of words, such as flowed pleasantly from the mouth of German Socialist, Ferdinand Bebel. His style of speech, plain facts and no trimmings, comes to him, no doubt, from his early training in the Italian Navy (1893-1902) which he left with the rank of lieutenant to follow what his elders defined on various occasions as an inborn talent for politics.

In a remarkably short span of years he rose from his first diplomatic post as attache to the Italian Embassy in Paris to that of first secretary and afterward counsellor of Legation. At the outbreak of the Great War he was called to serve in the navy with the rank of lieutenant-commander and, after being appointed aide-de-camp to King Victor Emmanuel, was promoted to commander.

The year 1919 finds him chief of the press bureau in the Italian delegation to the Peace Conference and shortly afterward, having resumed his place in the diplomatic service, he rises quickly from High Commissioner and Minister Plenipotentiary to full ambassadorial rank, serving Copenhagen, Memel, Durazzo, Bucharest, Tokyo and Ankara. He is now *Chef de Cabinet* at the Foreign office in Rome, the acknowledged chief of the Palazzo Chigi, executive, that is, of Signor Benito Mussolini's foreign policy. Since July, 1932, he has been principal Italian delegate to the League of Nations.

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The man, indeed, can best be judged by his achievements, for it is difficult to find one more reserved than he, and more careful of evading publicity in every form. For this reason he is sometimes misunderstood, or at least not always valued to the full, especially by those who are beneath his own standard.

A few episodes from his varied career may be told here to cast light upon his remarkable personality.

The first episode, somewhat romantic in colour, hardly belongs to the sphere of diplomatic or political activity, but its brilliant conclusion was worth so much to Italy at the time, that through no diplomatic channel could the cause of the country have been served so thoroughly as it was through this scheme, universally believed to have been planned and carried out by Baron Aloisi.

Toward the end of 1916, and 18 months after Italy's entry into the World War, the flower of the nation was bravely fighting in the trenches while disorder, unrest and acts of sabotage were growing steadily throughout the peninsula. The police kept close watch in the cities and throughout the country and soon found that this alarming situation was due to foreign spies, whose work was organised to undermine the country's forces in the interior, in order eventually to weaken the morale of forces on the fighting line.

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The strictest possible control failed to check the enemy's work; well-paid spies continued at work and finally succeeded in sinking two large Italian battleships, the Benedetto Brin and the Leonardo da Vinci, lying at anchor in Italian ports.

The people were then seized with terror and frantic appeals were made to the Government to use all means in its power to remedy this tragic situation. Suddenly Baron Aloisi came forward to solve the fearful problem, or at least it is to him that the organisation of the counter-plot is universally ascribed.

The vast network of Austrian spies in Italy was controlled from the Austrian Consulate in Zurich, where Captain Mayer, in charge of the office, conducted the campaign of criminal attempts in the peninsula. The consular safe held secret codes, correspondence and names. In order to avoid unpleasant surprises during the night, Captain Mayer made a habit of leaving lights ablaze in the room with the safe, so that whatever went on there could be seen from the street, where traffic never ceased throughout the 24 hours.

On the night of Feb. 24, 1917, two men wearing masks stole into the lighted room, and screened themselves and the safe behind a sheet of oilcloth. For six solid hours did the two men work to burgle the safe and remove every single bit of paper it contained, and then, by way of a souvenir for Captain Mayer, left their tools in a neat array on the floor.

On the following day the Italian boundary line with neutral countries was "hermetically sealed" and remained inaccessible for three days, during which the Italian police captured hundreds of spies, secret agents and Austrian informers, scattered all over the kingdom. Thus the Austrian network was torn to shreds, sabotage ceased automatically and the country began to breathe. Rumour spread like wildfire that the organiser of this remarkable feat was Baron Aloisi, but it was never officially confirmed and never can be. Yet if he is responsible for this daring venture, then, indeed, he has deserved well of his country.

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Another salient episode in Baron Aloisi's career is his political mission to Albania, which he brought to a brilliant head. In a little over two years Baron Aloisi "Italianised" Albania so completely that all influences endangering the safety of Italy's eastern coast line were cast out and a deep-rooted friendship built up between Rome and Tirana. Conditions in Albania at the time of Baron Aloisi's mission were desperate, rather than merely difficult.

Neighbouring countries and certain of the great powers were weighing heavily upon the little state in order to submit it to foreign rule. The only man who could hope to reorganise the country was Ahmet Zogu Bey, now King Zog, monarch of the Albanians, but then recently repatriated

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"Oh, sure, I've seen lots of wild turkey around here—hundreds of 'em . . . but I reckon that's been more than forty years ago."

The Very Idea!

AUNT EMMA SEES A GHOST

By George

DEAR George,

I do hope I am not too late with my contribution this year—I mean this week—but I intend to make up for the delay by telling you of a true ghost story.

Although it happened on Christmas Day I know it is true because it happened to me.

I went to pass the day with a friend at their house at Kowloon Tong and as we sat round after a big dinner cracking jokes and nuts my friend told me of the mysterious visitation every Christmas of the ghost of a shroff.

It appears that about 12 years ago this shroff, Ah Men, rashly chose Christmas Day to call with the year's chits and the irate householder threw a Christmas pudding at him. The heavy projectile caught the shroff in the spleen and he died almost immediately.

The murderer covered the body with chits and hid it away and in the morning found that it had disappeared. The next Christmas Day, however, the shroff appeared to him in the night and showed him even more chits than before. The unhappy man vacated the house but the shroff still continued to call each year and ask the present resident for his murderer's address, and my friend said he would almost certainly call that night.

I went to bed full of *bon homie* or whatever they call those French wines. Shroff or no shroff Christmas is Christmas and a man's a man for a' that.

Judging by the smell of the room in which I was placed I had to have a good look round to satisfy myself that the victim of the assault 12 years before had really disappeared. However, I could find no trace of him and retired to bed.

About 3 a.m. I was awakened by a tap on the shoulder—at least shoulder will serve for the purposes of the story. I sat up indignantly and there, believe it or not, was a shroff.

I rubbed my eyes. There were two, four, six, shroffs. I stopped rubbing and was relieved to find that no more appeared.

What would you have done, dear reader, in such a case? **Well, so did I.** I screamed and screamed but as I had left my teeth in the wash basin I was unable to make myself heard by anybody except the nearest shroff.

Then they all began to bow and came nearer. I thought I should lose my head but none of them seemed to be carrying knives.

The six shroffs began to make the motions of tearing up chits at the same time pointing to their stomachs. Then I saw what the trouble was. They all carried a Christmas pudding in their stomachs, undigested after twelve years, and wanted me to take it out.

I took my little nail scissors and cut the puddings out right away, and as I did each operation this shroff tore up his chits and vanished. Then I crept back to bed and fell asleep.

I know it sounds a little far fetched but the absoluto proof is the fact that I woke up in the morning with six Christmas puddings in my bed.

I told my friend about my amazing experience but all she said was that I ought to get married.

Now I ask you, dear reader, was that nice?

Your peeved,
Aunt Emma.

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Phineas Quetch

I suppose Phineas Quetch is almost forgotten nowadays. He was "P. Q." of the "Home Illustrated" from 1869 until his death in 1883. And, in that capacity, what a pillar of the bourgeoisie! How, in thousands of homes, his weekly "Musings on Morality" were awaited with something of the perfervid homage that an earlier generation gave to Dickens.

I was glancing at a "P. Q." anthology only recently:

Not one of those who read this halting verse
Would "lift" a sovereign from a neighbour's purse,
Yet many they who—sad it is to tell!—
Without permission "borrow" his umbrell!
And yet, if right be right—and who, forsooth,
Will dare to challenge that eternal truth?—
Umbrellas, be their handles but of bone,
Have, with the rest, a status of their own.

This is from a long, tedious narrative called "Fancy's Lure," with steel engravings by Duvallier. I suppose someone had been pinching "P. Q.'s" brolly. Anyway, he died young, of lumbago; it may have been poetic justice.

Ellsworth's Antarctic Air Quest

FLIES TO POLAR CONTINENT

EXPEDITIONS TO JOIN

(Special to "Telegraph")

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Dunedin, Dec. 27.

The explorer, Lincoln Ellsworth, has realised the principal object of the Ellsworth-Wilkins Antarctic expedition.

On Christmas Day he completed a flight from Deception Island, south of the Shetland group, to the far end of Weddell Sea, and thence to Little America, a distance of 265 miles.

The expedition hoped to discover whether the vast Antarctic continent was a single piece of land or whether it was divided by a sea channel.

Particulars of the flight have not yet been received.

The Byrd expedition is also in Antarctica and the two exploration companies will shortly join forces.—*Reuter Special.*

FOREIGN STATE IN SOVIET PLOT

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consulate is said to have supplied the rebels with money.

Furthermore, the consulate said it could establish connections with Trotsky if Nikolayev gave them a letter from the group to the former Soviet leader.

The aims and methods of the plotting group coincided with those of the White Guard Russian organisations abroad, which were responsible for previous murders of prominent Soviet officials, the indictment adds.

Official quarters allege that Nikolayev has admitted his guilt in plotting the death of Kirov.—*Reuter.*

CHARGED WITH TREASON

(Special to "Telegraph")

Moscow, Dec. 26.

As a result of the confessions obtained, the prosecutor to-day handed over to the Military Collegium, the highest court of the land, fourteen men charged with treason.

The charge is actually laid under Clause 58 of the Soviet code, which forbids counter-revolts and plots.

It is stated that out of the eight men arrested in Leningrad as members of the "terrorist group" four were directly involved in the murder of Kirov. Nikolayev, Juskin, Zvezdov and Tantanov drew up the plan for the assassination of this official who stood in their way on November 1, and the incriminating papers were found in Nikolayev's pocket, according to the prosecutor.

The rebels were teaching their followers that the ills of the Soviet Union were due to the policies of Stalin, Kaganovich and Molotov, and that it was impossible to overthrow them peacefully. Hence, they argued, it was necessary to resort to violence and since they were not strong nor numerous they must work in secret and slay their enemies one by one.—*United Press.*

FIRE DESTROYS PAPER STORE

SHAMSHUIPO BLAZE YESTERDAY

A paper store at No. 249 Kee Lung Street, Shamshuipo, was destroyed by a fire which occurred yesterday afternoon shortly after one o'clock.

The outbreak caused considerable alarm in the neighbourhood because of the large quantity of paper stored by the firm, which also occupies Nos. 251 and 253.

With the prompt arrival of the Fire Brigade, however, the fire was extinguished within forty minutes. It was found that damage has been confined to goods stored on the ground floor of No. 249.

The owner estimates the damage to be about $1,000. The store was insured.

Without anything to eat for three days, a Chinese, Lau Kam, walked up to No. 158 Queen's Road West, ground floor, and in full view of the fokis of the shop carried away three wooden tubs. He was arrested, and when taken to the station stated he was without food for three days. Acting Sub-Inspector Tyler told Mr. W. M. Thomson, at the Central Magistracy yesterday morning, when defendant was charged, that the man ate some rice given him ravenously. The defendant did not know who his parents were, and had no relatives in Hongkong. Mr. Thomson bound defendant over to be of good behaviour in a bond of $25 for one year.

In the glare of floodlights illuminating the front of the San Francisco mint at the right, the last of a series of shipments was made by night in the transfer of three-quarters of a billion dollars in gold to the Denver mint. Here you see the string of armoured trucks carrying the bullion, flanked by autos containing heavily-armed guards, about to leave for the railroad yards to put the gold on train for Denver.

BRITAIN STRIKING AT GOLD BLOC

VIRTUAL ADMISSION TO WASHINGTON

AMERICAN PURCHASES OF SILVER TO CONTINUE

Washington, Dec. 26.

According to advices received here in official quarters, the British Government has virtually admitted that it intends to force the nations of the Gold Bloc, which are backed by the vast gold holdings of France and Switzerland, to retreat from their position.

According to financial experts here, a break in the Gold Bloc cannot be avoided very much longer.

Further, it is learned that silver purchasing is likely to be resumed in the immediate future by the United States Treasury Department.

However, the importation of gold into the United States is also likely to continue, according to financial quarters.

BRITISH RECOVERY

Probably one of the most convincing indications of Great Britain's near approach to complete economic recovery is the fact that bank note circulation has reached the record-breaking high level of £400,000,000.

This immense figure indicates the largest holiday expenditure since the banner year of 1921.

U. S. REHABILITATION

The Administration now knows that recovery cannot be bought and that the rehabilitation of private business and industry is the only feasible solution of the economic problem. The Government's policies are now moving in that direction, it is intimated.

Given a favourable political atmosphere in which to operate, American industry can stage a comprehensive come-back, developing almost boom conditions within a year or two.

President Roosevelt cannot drop his power programme, the main purposes of which are to squeeze the water out of certain holding companies and, later to bring the rates of operating companies down by the setting up of plants which will serve as yard-sticks.

The Administration would not be so insistent in its demand for lower electric rates if it were not convinced that no monetary inflation is in sight.—*Per Swan, Culbertson and Fritz.*

LONDON'S VIEW

London, Dec. 26.

The immediate outlook for the American stock market is obscured by the renewed weakness of public utility issues.

The strength of domestic bonds and continued good news from business circles may cause the industrial share market to ignore the utility situation, thereby causing a rise to higher levels.—*Swan, Culbertson and Fritz.*

END OF NAVAL TREATY

FORMAL NOTICE ON SATURDAY

WASHINGTON INFORMED

(Special to "Telegraph")

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Washington, Dec. 26.

The Japanese Ambassador, Mr. Saito, announced to-day that he would deliver on Saturday formal notice of Japan's abrogation of the Washington Treaty.

The Japanese embassies in other capitals would notify other signatories of the treaty of the abrogation.

Japan postponed notification until almost the very last minute, possibly to avoid the technical responsibility of breaking up the naval powers' conversations in London, it is suggested here.

Mr. Norman Davis, who has been in charge of the United States delegation at the naval talks in London, will be on his way across the Atlantic on Saturday. Therefore, in the Japanese view, his departure will mean that the United States acted first in ending the naval conversations by withdrawing her delegation's chief.

The fact is, however, that the talks failed a week ago, when the powers discovered that it was impossible to reach a compromise.—*United Press.*

Air Mail Of Value To Colony

SPEEDY COAST SERVICE

COMFORTABLE TRAVEL

A few days ago the writer had the pleasant opportunity of making a trip from Kai Tak to Canton by plane, at the kind invitation of Mr. H. M. Bixby, Director of the China National Aviation Corporation. The plane, which had a special permit to land in Hongkong, left Shanghai at 10 a.m. arrived in the Colony some time before 6 p.m. and departed for Canton the following morning.

Besides Mr. Bixby and passengers for Foochow, a very air-minded city, according to Mr. Bixby, the plane carried Mr. Dai En Ki, Managing Director of the China National Aviation Corporation and also Mr. Francis A. Nixon, new Postal Commissioner of Canton who made the entire trip from Tsinan by plane. Although this was his first occasion to fly, Mr. Nixon enthusiastically declared that he would never travel any other way except by aeroplane, if given a choice.

We took off at 7.40 a.m. on an eight-passenger Douglas Dolphin seaplane and made a bee-line for Canton at an average altitude of one thousand feet. An unforgettable sight, indeed, is Hongkong from the air. Flying is like beholding beautiful panoramas from the top of mountains. You see only details from the train or steamer, but the whole world is at your feet like a chessboard when you are on the plane. We flew over sea, island, rivers, rice fields, mountains, lowlands valleys and forests, an amazing succession of moving picture which keep one spellbound from the beginning to end.

We crossed the Pearl River several times which, with its innumerable canals, junks, tiny little floating islets and sampans presents a most picturesque scene from the air. The countless little settlements with their inevitable pond and cluster of trees looked like so many miniature landscape gardens laid out by an architect of genius.

40-MINUTES FLIGHT

We reached Canton after 40 minutes actual flying and landed on the Pearl River. The landing was just as perfect as the take-off. —the plane was in the hands of none other than Mr. C. G. Sellers, ex-pilot of General Chiang Kai-shek and T. V. Soong, and formerly on the South American services of the Pan-American Airways. What a contrast between flying now and 13 years ago when I first flew up in the air (physically speaking) on a sight-seeing aeroplane over San Francisco. It was a dollar a minute trip and I came to earth frozen and sick and swearing that I would never fly again.

To-day you recline in specially designed comfortable seats, protected from the cold and wind by windows through which you can watch the scenery pass by on both sides. There is no sensation of moving at all but for the changing views which keep your attention riveted on the landscape all the time. The pilot's cabinet is separated from the passenger compartment by a door, and inside the plane the noise of the motor is not at all so strong as it is generally supposed. As a matter of fact, you can converse with your neighbour without unduly exerting your voice. But who wants to converse when one can watch a fascinating panorama pass by at the rate of two miles minute!

Although the passenger and air-mail services begins to function officially on January 1, 1935, there was a respectable amount of private mail for Canton and some important documents which missed the Manila boat at Shanghai the day before. Leaving Shanghai more than a day after the departure of the steamer for Manila, the papers were put on board the steamer in Hongkong to reach Manila on time.

CO-OPERATION NEEDED

The schedule allows the plane to remain in Canton for 36 hours, thus enabling one to reply by air mail to the letters received in the morning of the same day. Correspondence posted in Canton is delivered in Shanghai the following morning and vice versa, and it can be easily appreciated what advantage such a service would entail to Hongkong. One could have his breakfast in Hongkong and his afternoon tea in Shanghai on the same day or his letter would be delivered the following morning.

At least until such time as the matter of landing rights is arranged, co-operation between the Chinese and Hongkong Post Office in the way of agreeing on a flat rate for air mail between points in China and Hongkong is most desirable and would speed up business tremendously.

The fact that air mail and passenger insurance rates almost all over the world are the same as for other means of transportation, is a definite indication that the airways are here to stay and it will be to the great advantage of Hongkong to fall in line with the development of the day.—A. EDDY.

DAY BY DAY NEWS IN BRIEF

RASHNESS IS THE CHARACTERISTIC OF ARDENT YOUTH, AND PRUDENCE THAT OF MELLOWED AGE.—*Cicero.*

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The closing date for the St. John Ambulance Painting Competition has been extended to January 15. The entrance fee for all school-children will be thirty cents, irrespective of the number of pictures entered by each exhibitor.

"It is a serious offence, uttering counterfeit coins," said Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, when he sentenced Yeung Yuen, aged 20, unemployed, to three months' hard labour. Defendant was charged with uttering a counterfeit ten-cent piece to Lai Pak-kee, an eating house keeper, on Tuesday. Three counterfeit ten-cent pieces were found in the defendant's possession when he was arrested. Detective-Sergeant Poynix prosecuted.

RADIO BROADCAST

Children's Concert From The Studio

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'Cello Solos—Spanish Dance (Aragonesa) (Cassado)
'Cello Solos—Menuet (Paderewski) Gaspar Cassado.
Songs—Afton Water (Burns);
Songs—Annie Laurie Mary Garden (Soprano).
Violin Solos—Serenade (Toselli)
Violin Solos—Serenade (Pierne) Renee Chemet.
Songs—"The Dubarry"—If I am Dreaming
Songs—"Helen" — The Shepherd's Song .....Heddle Nash (Tenor).
7.36-8 p.m. Talkie Tunes.
Gold Diggers of Broadway;
Song of the Drum;
One hour with you.
8 p.m. Time, Weather Report.
8.03-10.30 p.m. Chinese Studio Concert.
9.30 p.m. Reuter Press Bulletins, Stocks and Commodity Quotations.
10.30 p.m. Reuter Press Bulletins, Rugby Mid-day Press News London Quotations.
10.40 p.m. Close Down.

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8.30-10 p.m. European Recorded Programme from Z.E.K. on a Frequency of 640 k.c.'s.
8.30-8.55 p.m. Concerto No. 1 in G Minor, Op. 26 (Max Bruch).
8.55-9.12 p.m. Vocal Gems.
Maritana;
Lily of Killarney.
9.12-9.30 p.m. Concert Waltzes.
Tales from the Vienna Woods, Rosenkavalier Waltzes.
9.30 p.m. Reuter Press Bulletins, London Quotations.
9.35-10 p.m. Variety.
Violin Solos—Song of Paradise;
Violin Solos—Always.
Vocal—Take me away from the River; Young and Healthy.
Instrumental—All Through the Night.
Instrumental—On a Little Street in Honolulu.
Piano Solos—Sleepytime Down South.
Piano Solos—Life is just a Bowl of Cherries.
10 p.m. Close Down.

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South Asia Zone, broadcast from DJD, (19.74 metres) and DJN (31.45 metres).
4.45 p.m. DJD, DJN Announcement (Germ., Engl.) German Folk Song. Programme-Forecast (German, English).
5 p.m. Music and Topical Events.
5.30 p.m. News in English.
5.45 p.m. For the Young Folks: "The Christmas Rose." A Fairy Play by Sepp Bauer.
6.30 p.m. Short Musical Programme.
6.45 p.m. News in German.
7 p.m. Concert of Light Music.
8 p.m. News in English.
8.15 p.m. Close down DJD, DJN (Germ., Engl.)

EAST ASIA ZONE

East Asia Zone broadcast through DJA on 31.38 metres, and DJN (31.45 metres).
9 p.m. DJA, DJN Announcement (Germ., Engl.) German Folk Song. Programme Forecast (Germ., Engl.)
9.15 p.m. Music and Topical Events.
9.45 p.m. News in English on DJA and in Dutch on DJN.
10 p.m. Orchestral Concert. Soloist: Georg Kniestadt (Violin).
11.15 p.m. News in German on DJA and DJN.
11.30 p.m. Light Variety Programme. Grete Weiser (Chansons), Franz Kruger (Bassoon Virtuoso), Ludwig Trautmann (Reader) and the Five parodisters.
12.15 a.m. News in English on DJA and in Dutch on DJN.
12.30 a.m. Close down DJA, DJN (Germ., Engl.)

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ENGLAND UNLUCKY IN SUNDAY HERALD CUP SEMI—FINAL

Tam Kong-pak heading a pass from Ip Pak-wah into the English goal to open the scoring for China within the first five minutes of their *Sunday Herald* Cup semi-final match yesterday. (Photo: Mee Cheung).

SUNDERLAND AGAIN ON TOP

TURN TABLES TO BEAT EVERTON BY SEVEN CLEAR GOALS

ARSENAL BEATEN BY PRESTON

The ding-dong struggle for premier honours in the First Division of the English Football League continued yesterday when Sunderland again took the lead by a single point. They made amends for their 6-2 defeat at the hands of Everton on Christmas Day by turning the tables in the return match on their own ground and trouncing their opponents to the tune of seven goals to nil.

Preston N. E. also avenged their defeat of the previous day by beating the Arsenal at home by the odd goal in three.

In the Second Division Plymouth and Brentford again played to a draw on the former's ground. Brentford are, however, still at the top of the table but on a level point footing with West Ham who repeated their performance of Xmas Day by defeating Bury.

The full results of yesterday's games are published below:

FIRST DIVISION

Aston Villa	0	Chelsea	3
Birmingham	0	Wednesday	4
Derby	3	Wolves	0
Huddersfield	2	Leicester	3
Liverpool	2	Middlesboro	2
Manchester C.	3	Leeds	0
Portsmouth	3	Blackburn	1
Preston N.E.	2	Arsenal	1
Stoke	3	West Brom	0
Sunderland	7	Everton	0
Tottenham	2	Grimsby	1

SECOND DIVISION

Bradford C	3	Port Vale	0
Fulham	2	Bradford	2
Hull	1	Newcastle	1
Norwich	3	Notts Forest	3
Notts C.	1	Manchester U.	0
Oldham	2	Blackpool	3
Plymouth	1	Brentford	1
Sheffield U	2	Barnsley	1
Southampton	1	Swansea	0
West Ham	3	Bury	0

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH).

Brighton	4	Luton	1
Bristol R.	1	Aldershot	0
Clapton O.	3	Queen's P. R.	1
Crystal P.	2	Torquay	2
Exeter	4	Bournemouth	1
Gillingham	2	Coventry	5
Northampton	2	Bristol C.	2
Reading	2	Millwall	1
Southend	2	Cardiff	2
Swindon	2	Charlton	2
Watford	7	Newport	0

THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)

Accrington	5	York	2
Darlington	2	Rochdale	2
Doncaster	3	Hartlepools	1
Lincoln	4	Carlisle	2
New Brighton	3	Gateshead	0
Rotherham	4	Wallsall	2
Southport	2	Crewe	1
Stockport	0	Chester	1
Tranmere	2	Barrow	1
Wrexham	1	Mansfield	3

Holiday Rugby

RESULTS OF BOXING DAY MATCHES

London, Dec. 26.

Below are the results of to-day's rugby fixtures:—

Bath	6	Old Blues	0
Blackheath	13	Barbarians	16
Bristol	16	Pontypool	5
Cardiff	25	London Irish	6
Gloucester	26	Old Merchant Taylors	5
Headingley	25	Manchester	0
Leicester	8	Birkenhead Park	12
Llanelly	25	London Welsh	0
Northampton	24	Penarth	11
Richmond	19	Wasps	8
Plymouth Albion	13	Newton Abbott	3
Swansea Universities	18	Athletic Union	8
Waterloo	11	Coventry	11

—Reuter.

Senorita Anita Lizana, the 20-years-old Chilean, holder of the South American Women's Lawn Tennis Championship, will leave for England on March 2 with the main purpose of competing in the Wimbledon championships next year.

LADIES' HOCKEY INTERPORT

SHANGHAI DUE ON FEBRUARY 2

(By Bully-Off)

Notification was received by Mrs. P. M. Harrop, of the Hongkong Ladies Hockey Association, yesterday to the effect that the Shanghai Ladies Interport team would be leaving the northern port on January 31 and would arrive in the Colony on February 2 to engage Hongkong in a series of matches.

This will be the first Interport between Shanghai and Hongkong.

The local Association are holding a meeting during the next two or three days to make the necessary arrangements for practice games.

CAER CLARK HOCKEY

H.K. Ladies Teams For Saturday

The following have been selected to represent the Hongkong Ladies against the C.B.A. in the Caer Clark competition at Sookunpoo on Saturday, bully-off at 3.15 p.m.: E. Hance; E. M. Gray, J. Smalley; N. McKenna, B. Pope, B. Helbling; W. Marsh, P. M. Harrop, J. Churchill, C. Ferguson, A. Jacks.

The H.K. Ladies second team will be opposed to St. Andrew's at Happy Valley in a friendly game and will be represented by the following: S. Baskitt; M. Wilfe, E. Strahan; E. O'Hagen, N. Bennett, H. Hance; J. Flex, J. Locke, M. Smalley, M. Rattey and V. Blackburn. The game will commence at 3 p.m.

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DEFLECTED GOAL GIVES CHINA VICTORY

BRILLIANT PLAY BY PORTUGAL: WALES BEATEN BY 4 GOALS TO 1

YESTERDAY'S THRILLING GAMES

Some of the best football seen this season was served out by the four teams which took part in the *Sunday Herald* Cup games which were played off yesterday before record crowds. As a result of the encounters China, by virtue of their win against England, meet Portugal conquerors of Wales in the final.

The results of the games were as anticipated, although China had to fight hard to emerge winners in their match. Portugal on the other hand gained a decisive victory against Wales by 4 goals to one.

PORTUGAL V WALES

(By "Linesman")

Had the Welsh defence paid a little more attention to Alves and Gomes on the Portuguese left flank instead of concentrating on the centre and right attack they would probably have left the field in their semi-final clash for the *Sunday Herald* Cup with a smaller margin than four goals to one chalked up against them.

Time after time the ball was swung out to the left where Alves was waiting unmarked, ready to send across one of those brilliant centres which featured the game.

The Welshmen were without the services of Roberts, Davies and "Hooker" Jones, three of the Borderers' star men, and fielded the Fusiliers' battalion team, bringing Keneghan in at left back, Keatings at centre-half and Talbot at inside left. This rather weakened their side but the three substitutes showed up well.

To Rowland/ between the sticks, must go the honour of being outstanding in the Welsh side. When called upon he was never found wanting, and executed spectacular saves which drew well-merited applause from the spectators. His anticipatory powers were remarkable and no blame could possibly be attached to him for the four shots which passed him.

Wanklyn and Roberts played steady games at back but were given plenty to do checking the Portuguese attack. Of the halves Keneghan was the pick, keeping a watchful eye on A. V. Gosano and feeding his inside forwards. He rather overdid his long passes down the centre instead of keeping his wing men fed with the result that Silva-Netto and Sousa got the ball as often as Dennis and two flanking men. The same fault could be found with the play of Grindley and Talbot.

The forwards led by Dennis worked hard especially in the closing stages of the game when they were continually in the Portuguese goalmouth. They peppered Marques with shots from all angles but could not find the net.

PORTUGUESE FASTER

The Portuguese were much faster on the ball than the Fusiliers. They had a strong side in the field and one which was extremely well balanced. Alves and Gomes on the left flank were responsible for some very pretty passing movements and with their combination of speed and ball control were a constant menace to the Welsh defenders.

A. V. Gosano gave a rather disappointing display despite the fact that he was well-marked, and the opposing defence had little difficulty in smothering many of his attempts at goal.

Ward played a good game at inside left with Bertie Gosano giving excellent support on the wing. The latter was inclined to be greedy when he got the ball instead of sending across to the centre where his brother and Gomes were waiting. Nevertheless he was conspicuous in many good runs on the wing during the first half of the game.

Beltrao played a constructive game in the pivot position and watched Dennis like a hawk. He sent his forwards away many times with accurate passes, especially Alves.

I have seen Elms play much better than he did yesterday but he broke up many although he spoiled many of the Welsh movements on the right

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and cleared well in front of goal when his side were hard pressed. He was kept busy by Parry who was more than his match. Sousa and Silva-Netto were a good pair of backs and safe, with Marques coming through with flying colours in goal.

THE PLAY

Forcing the pace from the start the Portuguese took up the attack and kept play in the Welshmen's half for the first ten minutes except for a couple of breakaways which were effectively checked by Silva-Netto and Sousa. Rowland was called on several times to save from Gosano and Ward and this he did well.

Things looked black for Portugal when play later transferred to the other end with the Welshmen making a determined effort to open the scoring and Silva-Netto was pulled up for dangerous play near the goal. Elms however stopped the attempt at goal and gave a short pass to Silva Netto for the latter to send Alves away on the wing. As Grindley came to tackle him he transferred inside to Gomes and took another pass from his inside man as he raced towards the Welsh line. His centre was beautifully placed and A. V. Gosano beat Rowland with a shot into the corner of the net.

Good work by Talbot, Dennis and Parry kept the Portuguese defence busy for a spell before Dennis netted the equaliser. Before the interval Gomes however put the Portuguese ahead with a strong drive from about fifteen yards which gave Rowland no chance.

The game slackened up for a while, after the restart midfield play featuring the game with occasional raids on both goals. Then Delgado came up and scored the prettiest goal of the match. He nipped around three of the Welsh defenders with amazing coolness, steadied and sent a terrific ground drive into the corner of the net. A. V. Gosano further increased the Portugal's lead but not before Wales had caused the Portuguese defence no little anxiety in their own goalmouth.

The teams were:

Portugal.—Marques; Silva-Netto, Souza; Delgado, Belgado, Elms; B. Gosano, Ward, A. V. Gosano, Gomes and Alves.

Wales.—Rowland; Wanklyn, Keating; Grindley, Keneghan, Ellis; Parry, Harrison, Dennis, Talbot and Roberts.

CHINA V ENGLAND

By "R. H. B."

An unfortunate error—a goal deflected by Chris Pile, the police back, into his own net—gave China victory over England by three goals to two in the semi-final of the *Sunday Herald* International Charity Cup football match in the club ground yesterday afternoon.

The stands were packed with spectators while Morrison Hill, as is usual when the Chinese players are in action on the Club ground, was clustered with followers. Cheering was vociferous throughout the ninety minutes and on many occasions the cheering became louder when a free kick was awarded against China!

The game, on the whole, provided some very good football featured by some splendid midfield tussles.

England's main failing lay in their forwards whose shooting in front of the Chinese citadel was deplorable. For instance: If Stevens, the Police inside-right, had "let fly" just a second earlier instead of dilly-dallying getting into position, he would have found the net more than once. He has a strong kick when he gets going.

PARDOE BRILLIANT

PARDOE, in the pivotal position for England, was the best player on the field. He was a constant menace to the Chinese attack and cleared with well-timed kicking. Pardoe's height and broad build will always be an asset to him when playing against the Chinese.

Ho Kar-keung, of the Chinese Athletic, appeared in the centre-forward position in place of Fung King-cheung, the S. C. A. A. senior team leader, and played a good game. He combined well with Tam Kong-pak, who played a dashing game for China at inside-right. Both his goals were brilliant efforts.

Strange though it may seem; in nearly every match in which he plays Tam scores with a header. In this respect, Tam Kong-pak is uncanny. His team may score a couple of goals, but Tam nearly always can lay claim to one with his head.

Ip Pak-wah, on the left wing, was ever a source of danger and gave Brooks, another Police representative, plenty of work to do at right-half. Brooks, however, held the speedy Ip quite well.

At left-half, Parker, of the Police, kept a good check on Tso Kwai-shing, a right winger of no mean speed. When Tso gets going he is a hard man to hold. He jumps a lot for the ball and is nippy with his dribbling.

Ash, of the Lincolns, and Pile, were a safe though not brilliant pair of backs. They could have kicked harder with their clearances. That was a great failing with England, more especially in the first half. The defence were clearing well but their kicking was either too short or erratic.

A MASTER MIND

Ridley, of the Lincolns, one of the cleverest forwards in the Colony, was a master-mind at inside-left. Time and again he opened the attack. He received good support from Higgins, his team mate, who led the attack with gusto. Towards the interval Higgins was injured and had to leave the field but he returned to play in the second half.

Wearmouth (Navy), on the left wing, was absent for a period in

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The Chinese team which defeated England by three goals to two in the semi-final of the *Sunday Herald* Cup on the Club ground yesterday. (Photo: Mee Cheung).

The Professional Tennis Tourney

THE L.T.A. "BAN"

There has been a good deal of comment, not only in the Press, but also in general conversation, upon the Invitation Professional upon the Quotation Professional Lawn Tennis Tournament, held at Wembley recently, by the L.T.A., writes a correspondent in the *Morning Post*. Perhaps the L.T.A. could not be expected to show any marked enthusiasm over a tournament the competitors in which were, with one exception, professionals from foreign countries, and for which its consent was neither necessary, asked for, or, possibly, desired.

It has been stated that the umpires who volunteered their services were forbidden by the L.T.A. to officiate, and that they braved this "ban," regardless of any pains or penalties which might hereafter befall them. This is just flim-flam, and nothing more. What really happened was that the Umpires' Association asked for guidance from the L.T.A. as to whether they should send a staff of umpires to officiate at the tournament, and received the answer that it was not advisable that the Umpires' Association, qua Association, should take part in the tournament's organisation, but that individual members of it would be perfectly free to do if they so desired. Many of these individual members did so desire, and have, in fact officiated: to suggest that they did so either in defiance of the L.T.A. or in any dread of punishment for so doing is, therefore, merely ridiculous—as many other wild statements are apt to become when the facts are examined.

Still, considering that two of the L.T.A.'s most distinguished presidents in the near past, Lord Desborough and Viscount D'Abernon, had given their official blessing to the tournament by attending the inaugural luncheon, and that Lord Desborough had presented a cup for the winner, it might have been just as well if the Umpires' Association—which is not, by the way, as has been stated, affiliated to the L.T.A., but is a quite independent body—had been allowed to carry out its initial intention of supplying a selected body of umpires for the tournament. This is, naturally, merely a matter of opinion.

The L.T.A. recognises professionalism; one of its committees manages the affairs of professionals in this country, and promotes and conducts the professional championship. Presumably, therefore, there is nothing *ipso facto* wrong in a professional tournament, or, at any rate, in one so well conducted as the Wembley meeting has been; and, though the L.T.A. had nothing whatever to do with the tournament and no control over it, it could not have done much harm to allow the Umpires' Association to do what it apparently wished to do.

THE SUPREME AUTHORITY

On the other hand, while the L.T.A. continues to exist—and it is not exactly in a state of decrepitude—it must obviously be the supreme authority over all branches of the game in this country: and it may well have had a prophetic eye as to what may happen in the future—perheps the very near future.

Tilden, who must be regarded as the prime mover in what may be called the world-professional-exhibition-and-tournament-play, stated at the inaugural luncheon that he intended, with the assistance of the other principal professionals, to institute a series of annual professional championships in England, France, Germany, and the United States, as well as to promote a sort of international professional competition on Davis Cup lines; though he did not make clear the constitution and authority of the body in charge of these competitions.

All this sort of thing, even if it is very much in the air at present, will almost inevitably take shape. The effect of the cash inducement which it offers to players of the first class is already obvious in the secessions which have taken place from the amateur ranks even within the last few months. While there were only a few "professional exhibition" players, interest in their doings was ephemeral. It is on popular support, or in other words, on continued and increasing gate receipts, that success alone can attend it; and the greater the number and variety of players the better that support is likely to be. To the interests of amateur tennis, as at present organised and managed, the rapid spread of professionalism is likely to be a considerable menace. Is the time coming for a parting of the ways? It may be so: at any rate it seems clear that the mop of Mrs. Partington will be of no more avail than it was in the high tide at Sidmouth in 1824!

Z. H. B.

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SEA LARK FIRST BACK IN MACAO RACE

RACE PROGRAMME

Fifty-Seven Events For 1935 Meeting

There is practically no change in the programme of the 1935 annual meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club as compared with that for last year, with the exception of the elimination of the "Sports Club Cup and Hongkong Stakes," in the ninth event on the fourth day, which has been changed to "The Hongkong Stakes."

As in previous years, the Hongkong Derby will be contested on the second day, and the "Champion Stakes" on the fourth day of the meeting.

There will be twelve events each for the first, second, third and fourth days, and nine races for the "off day", making a total of fifty-seven for the meeting; which is scheduled for February 16, 18, 19, 20 and 23.

Entries for the meeting will close on January 12 at 3 p.m.

TRADE CONFERENCE

STILL HOPE FOR DUTCH-JAPANESE AGREEMENT

Tokyo, Dec. 26.

The Dutch-Japanese trade conference which has been in session at Batavia since June has been adjourned, but conversations will be conducted between the Japanese Consul, Mr. Koshida and the Dutch authorities during the adjournment.

The shipping dispute will be settled at a conference between Dutch and Japanese shipping interests, who will meet at Kobe, Japan.

Messrs Haruchi and Nagaoka, the chief Japanese delegates will leave Batavia on December 28 for Formosa, en voyage to Tokyo.—*Reuter.*

Dick Powell likes dames. Here's Dick surrounded by Hollywood's most beautiful damsels. You'll see Dick—and the girls—and Ruby Keeler, Joan Blondell, Guy Kibbee, Hugh Herbert, Zasu Pitts, and many others in "Dames" the new Warner Bros. musical picture coming to the Alhambra.

RUGBY THRILL

Meiji University Only Just Beat Shanghai

Shanghai, Dec. 25.

Another thriller was provided on Christmas Day when the Meiji University rugby football team and Shanghai met in their return match.

The Japanese, after being wonderfully held by the local side, went over for an unconverted try in the last three minutes to win by eleven points to eight.—*Reuter.*

RETURNS SHORTLY AFTER 6 A.M.

FIFTEEN STARTERS

Fifteen yachts started on the annual race to Macao and back for the Potts Challenge Cup yesterday morning and the first boat back was Sea Lark V. sailed by E. Cock and Lieut. Col. Carrington Sykes, which clocked in at 6.19.11 this morning.

Mairi (Cmdr. D. Orr Ewing and partner) returned at 8.54.55 with Norena (Ramsey and Bruunsgaard) passing the post at 9.25.35.

Mestral (Cmdr. W. G. Cowland, Dr. L. J. Davis and Lt. B. E. O'Brien) returned at 10.39.04.

La Cigale did not finish.

These times have yet to be corrected.

The start was made at 7.30 a.m. yesterday and the competitors are given until 8 a.m. to-morrow morning in which to cover the 70 miles.

THE STARTER

The following were the starters with their crews:

Azuma (H. J. Pearce and R. J. Vernall); La Cigale (N. V. A. Croucher and A. N. Other); U. & I. (H. S. Rouse, Major B. E. C. Dixon and Lieut. Comdr. D. Tod); Luana (A. L. Shields and Commodore Frank Elliott); Typhoon (Squardron Leader C. R. Keary and Comdr. H. C. Legge); Tern (Capt. R. E. Foley and Capt. C. C. Duchesne); Monsoon (R. Grieve and A. N. Other); Sea Lark V (E. Cock and Lieut. Col. M. Carrington-Sykes); Cherub (Goulborn, Lieut. P. de N. Ramus and A. N. Other); Mistral (Comdr. W. G. Cowland, Dr. L. J. Davis and Lieut. B. E. O'Brien); Cutty (G. Dalziel and C. J. Cooke); Penguin (Capt. L. W. Henderson); Maire (Comdr. D. Orr Ewing and A. N. Other); Norena (Ramsey and Bruusgaard); Tavy II (H. M. S. Tamar Wardroom Officers).

ENGLAND UNLUCKY

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the first half while he had a cut on his left leg attended to. He returned to action with plaster and lint. His centring, as well as that of Kiley (Navy) playing on the right wing, could have been better. On many occasions both men had plenty of time to steady up but preferred to kick first-time with the result that the ball went wide of the mark.

Li Tin-sang and Lau Mau, the South China backs, once more displayed their versatility, as a safe pair. Both cleared with hard kicking, Li Tin-sang more so than his partner.

In the pivotal position, Li Kwok-chui, worked hard and was well supported by Leung In-chan and Lee Kwok-wai.

THE GOALS

Opening in brilliant manner the Chinese found the net within the first five minutes. Tam Kong-pak heading through a pass from Ip Pak-wah. A penalty was awarded England when Leung In-chan was pulled up for fouling Wearmouth and Ridley made no mistake with the spot kick, placing the ball well out of Wong Wing's reach.

In the second half after much midfield play, Tam Kong-pak broke through on his own to beat Durham with a good shot. Shortly after; Pile had the misfortune to deflect a shot which came in from the left, into his own net. Before the end, Ridley netted England's second goal with a splendid header.

The teams lined out as under:

CHINA:—Wong Wing; Li Tin-sang and Lau Mau; Leung In-chan, Li Kwok-chui and Lee Kwok-wai; Tso Kwai-shing, Tam Kong-pak, Ho Kar-keung, Cheuk Shek-kam and Ip Pak-wah.

ENGLAND:—Durham; Ash and C. Pile; Brooks, Pardoe and Parker; Kiley, Stevens, Higgins, Ridley and Wearmouth.

Holiday Cricket

CLUB AND ARMY DRAW

Several clubs were engaged in cricket matches during the Christmas holidays, the biggest attraction being the Triangular Tournament game between the Hongkong Cricket Club and the Army on the Club ground, which resulted in a draw.

High spots in this game were the batting of Major V. J. Bonavia (83) and Lt. J. P. Williams (52), who added 126 runs for the Army first wicket; the bowling of T. A. Pearce, the Interport cricketer, who took eight Army wickets for 66 runs and the bright innings by H. Owen Hughes, the Interport captain, who played an undefeated and chanceless innings for 87 runs.

Major Bonavia hit 16 boundaries. His display was marred by a chance in the slips before he opened his account. The ball passed between T. A. Parce and Owen Hughes. Later Major Bonavia played scintillating cricket, hitting hard at anything pitched well up. Lt. Williams gave two chances in his innings. He hit seven boundaries.

Owen Hughes played a gallant innings for his side, hitting 14 boundaries. Undue cautiousness towards the end prevented him from reaching his century. In partnership with T. M. L. Redmond, he added 87 runs for the fifth wicket.

The Triangular Tournament match between the Army and the Royal Navy will be played to-day on the Club ground.

NAVY LOSE TWICE

A brilliant innings for 119 not out by E. F. Fincher featured the all-day match between the Kowloon Cricket Club seniors and the Royal Navy seniors on the Kowloon Cricket Club ground yesterday. The home team won by 12 runs in an exciting finish.

Kowloon batted first and declared with a total of 198 runs for six wickets. E. F. Fincher hit 17 boundaries in his innings. He batted aggressively, and did not give any direct chance to hand. In partnership with N. A. E. Mackay for the fifth wicket, he added 68 runs, and in partnership with Stapleton for the sixth wicket he added 66 runs. Stapleton scored 25, A. T. Lay 18 and F. Zimmern 16. Sub-Lt. Briggs was the most successful Navy bowler, taking four wickets for 34 runs.

The Navy were dismissed for 186 runs, towards which Lt. Parks-Smith contributed 62, Stoker Crunder 45 and E. A. Clayton 22. A feature of their innings was the stand made by Crunden and Clayton for the tenth wicket which produced 70 runs. F. S. W. Smith captured six wickets for 89 runs, and R. Lee three for 53.

K.C.C. PUNIORS WIN

The Kowloon Cricket Club and the Royal Navy Juniors also engaged in a whole-day game at King's Park yesterday. The game ended in a narrow victory for Kowloon by 13 runs in the last over of the match. Kowloon took first lense of the wickets and scored 169 runs, towards which F. E. Lawrence contributed 55 and Waplington 37. The Navy replied with 156 runs, Lt. Christian-Smith scoring 46 and Mid. Purdy 32.

ELECTRIC COMPANY MATCH

An enjoyable game between the European and Local staffs of the Hongkong Electric Company was played on the Indian Recreation Club's ground at Sookunpoo, resulting in a win for the locals by six wickets. Batting first, the European staff compiled 104 runs, towards which E. Thompson contributed 20. M. I. Razack captured three wickets for 15 runs, and I. Haroon three for 25. The local staff scored 165 runs for nine wickets, when stumps were drawn. T. Ali was the top scorer with 36 retired, and S. M. Rumjahn followed with 26 retired. G. Souza scored 25.

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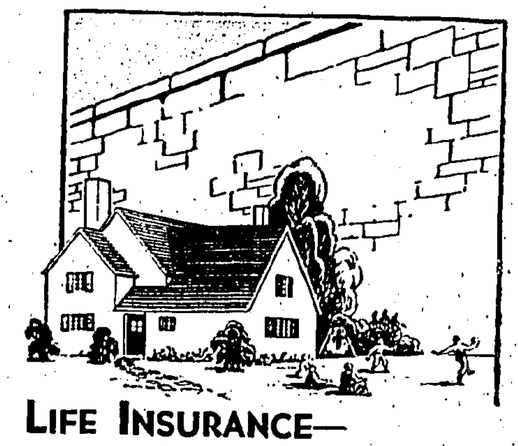

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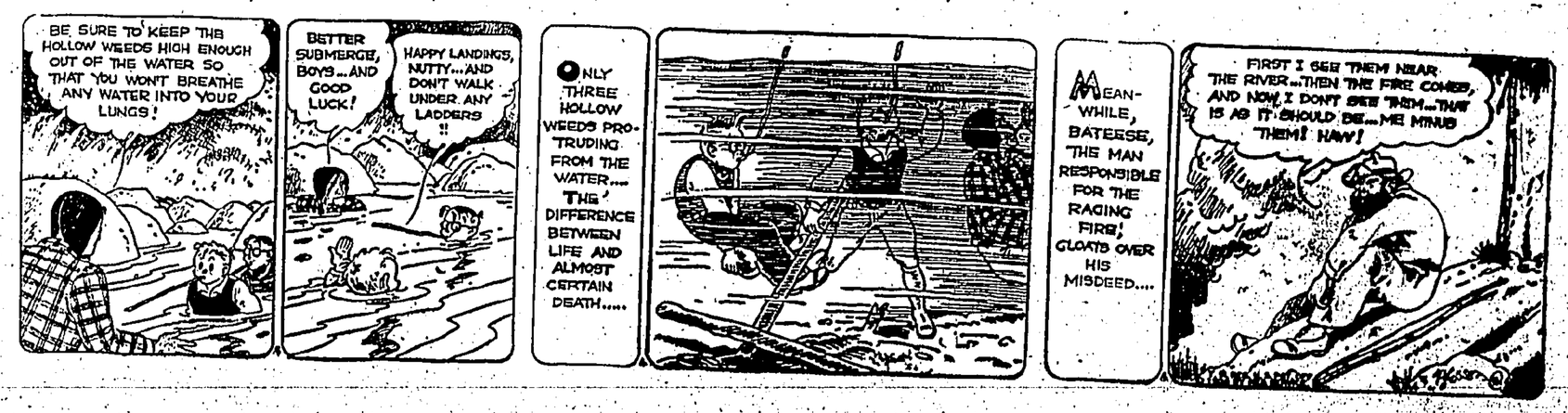

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CHAPTER I

All the Hollisters were in seclusion to-day—all except Ann Hollister who had thrown the big doors of the home in which she had been born 20 years before wide to a scandalized but eager public.

With the gesture she had smashed traditions that had bound the Hollisters together, despite the failing fortunes of most of the clan. A "sale" would soon be in full swing in the large double drawing rooms where Ann's mother had entertained so beautifully, and where Ann's grandmother had entertained still more lavishly.

There had been little entertaining since Ann was a child. She had grown up after the death of her mother, after "things had changed."

Ann and her adored father had continued to live in the old home which was much too large for them, had managed somehow to escape the stigma of "poor kin" that was attached to other relatives of Aunt Hattie Hollister Hammond.

Within the past week Ann had learned that all she owned in the world was the roof over her head and a few "old things." Soon now she would be homeless, Ann's decision to sell the family antiques was responsible for the resentment of her relatives and the ruffled surface of calm, old Greenfield to-day.

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When Ann had arrived home the week before, Aunt Hattie had met her in the outmoded limousine that was flaunted in the face of aristocratic Greenfield because Aunt Hattie was rich and therefore could do as she pleased.

They had driven to Aunt Hattie's Victorian home, "The Elms," instead of to Ann's house on Cherry street. Ann had attributed this to sympathy on her aunt's part. It would be hard for the girl to go back to the home where she and her father had been so happy and where he had died last fall.

Almost before she had had time to remove her hat, the news that she was penniless was broken to Ann.

"You haven't a cent," Aunt Hattie had said in her thin, acid voice. "You might as well know the truth because you'll probably be hounded to death by your father's creditors. Luckily there's nothing they can do. The house was left to you by your mother. At least you'll have that and a few old things."

"Creditors!" Ann had gasped, her face white.

"That's what I said. Your father owed everybody. That is, everybody who was foolish enough to lend him any money. And there were a great many. As Barnum said—"

Ann's fierce eyes stopped the older woman. "Please! Why wasn't I told about this before?"

"Because your father exacted a promise from that quixotic old idiot, Harvey Wilson. It seems your second year of college had been paid up—"

"But my allowance? It came regularly."

"Probably from Harvey's pocket, heaven knows how he got it if reports about his practice are true."

"Creditors . . . creditors . . ." The words kept coming back like a horrid little refrain.

Cousin Lucy had come in, kissed Ann perfunctorily, and then stood, timidly, her eyes on Aunt Hattie.

Aunt Hattie, meeting Cousin Lucy's eyes and reading the signal there, said importantly, "You can come and live with me, of course, Ann. I'll be glad to have you."

Cousin Lucy had beamed at this magnanimity, and then slipped from the room like a quiet little mouse.

Ann's eyes had met her aunt's cold gaze. It was like a sudden plunge into cold water.

"Thank you, but I couldn't—you see I'm going away."

"Suit yourself, of course. But I don't see how you're going when—"

"When I haven't a penny," Ann said soberly, with a wry little smile about her mouth. She hadn't an idea either how she could go away. She only knew she must go somewhere. It would be unbearable living at Aunt Hattie's as Cousin Lucy had done for so long.

Cousin Lucy was a familiar figure in Greenfield, trudging along the streets in poor shoes, the bulky old fur coat flapping about her ankles.

Oh, how horrible it would be to become like Cousin Lucy, walking stolidly along the street, with the fractious Pekingese tugging at the leash. And even more terrible to be like members of Uncle Ed's family, fawning for favours, trips, money for emergencies—all of them hoping they would outlive Hunt Hattie and enjoy her money after she had gone.

Until to-day Ann had believed she was midway between her aunt's prosperous condition and the economic helplessness of her other relatives. Then, with terrible suddenness, everything was changed.

Presently, Ann walked out of the gloomy old house that was so much like its mistress and went down the wide, front street which had become, as the town moved away from traditional boundaries, a mixture of homes and business places. Ann loved the street; it was familiar and therefore dear.

The great elms and cottonwoods had stood here long before she was born, stretching protecting arms above and casting dappled shade below.

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Ann climbed the stairs that led to the law office of her father's friend. The room was just as she remembered it; cobwebs in the corner, soot on the window sills, law books back of dingy glass in the tall bookcases, dust over everything.

And there, as though he had not moved since the last time she was here, the elderly judge slumped in a chair. Ann thought he looked tired, older. There were new lines.

"Judge Wilson!"

"Ann, my child!"

He came forward, kissed her warmly and led her to a chair.

"You're a sight for sore eyes, my dear. When did you come?"

"This afternoon on the 4 o'clock train."

"And already you've had the bad news! Trust Hattie for that."

"It was kept from me too long. You've always spoiled me, but now I'm grown and you can't spoil me any more."

"You look scarcely older than you did the day you began driving your father's car. I remember I said, 'What can the fool be thinking of to let that baby take the wheel?' Ann, dear, I'm sorry. I wish I could have spared you all this."

"Please don't worry. I've figured it all out. I'm going to sell the house. I've made up my mind."

"I won't hear to that. The house is yours. No one can touch it."

"I couldn't keep it. Surely you understand."

The judge sighed heavily. "Ann, don't let anyone make you believe your father was dishonest. He had every confidence in the security he offered. Things would have worked out in normal times—"

"Thank you." Ann's voice was trembling. "Of course I knew that. How much will the house bring?"

"It might bring $10,000. These are dull days—"

"Would $10,000 cover all the debts father made?"

"Practically all."

"All, you mean, except the amount he owed you. You must tell me the truth. How much was it, Judge Wilson?"

"Ann dear—it was so little—I was happy to help. Did no one ever tell you, Ann, that your mother was the only woman I ever loved?"

"Yes, I've known always. Father said instead of hating him you became his best friend."

"Then don't you understand how happy it made me—"

"Please."

"It was about $3,000. On my next case I'll charge a double fee."

His smile and the twinkle in his blue eyes did not deceive Ann. Financial difficulties were written in the tired, anxious lines of his face.

"The house wouldn't bring more?"

"I'm afraid not. Ann, let things rest as they are."

"Then I'll sell the furniture—everything!"

"My dear!" He was genuinely shocked.

"I'll have a sale. All the wealthy people at Crystal Beach will come over for it."

"Ann, you can't be in earnest—"

She nodded her bright head. "You know that silver coffee urn—the one that was used for the banquet Lafayette attended—and the Hepplewhite chest of drawers and that ancient china—"

"And the blue cloisonné vase your mother kept roses in? Ann, my child, I don't see how you could sell such things."

"My mother would have valued them less than father's good name," Ann said in a low voice. "And maybe I'll have something left over to take me away from Greenfield. You wouldn't want me to live with Aunt Hattie, getting spineless and scared!"

"No."

"Well, then!"

"Your aunt will never permit it."

"I suppose," Ann's eyes met his steadily, "I should advertise."

Her old friend got to his feet, crossed the room and grasped the girl's hands.

"I'm more than scandalized at your daring. But I'm proud of you. It's exactly what your mother would have done. God bless her!"

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CINEMA NEWS

NOTES FROM THE THEATRES

Movie-goers who love the gay, the lavish and the utterly different in screen entertainment ought to hold a public celebration complete with dancing in the streets for the first Erik Charell film production made in Hollywood. In "Caravan", the memorable Fox Film musical spectacle showing at the King's Theatre, this noted continental director has created one of the most brilliant and original screen plays ever shown in a local playhouse. For sparkle, colour and gaiety, it is unsurpassed. Lavishly produced at the Fox studios, with Hungarian villages, castles, inns and vast Gypsy caravans swiftly alternating as backgrounds, "Caravan" tells a romantic love story in a delightful new vein. The setting is idyllic the grape country of Tokay during the wine harvest and a quartet of leading players as vivid as the setting carries forward the story to a spectacular finish. Charles Boyer, favourite stage and screen star of the continent, heads the cast as a dashing Gypsy musician. The glamorous Loretta Young appears as a gay young countess. Jean Parker and Phillips Holmes complete the stellar quartette. All four of them are superbly cast. Though "Caravan" does not classify as the conventional screen "musical" in any sense, music plays an important part in the smooth flow of its story. So stirring and radically different is the use of music that probably the picture will introduce a new era of musical production. Three songs are outstanding, the romantic "Wine Song", a bubbling dance number, "Ha-Cha-Cha," and "Happy, I Am Happy". In addition to the four leading players, such personalities as Louise Fazenda, Eugene Pallette, C. Aubrey Smith, Charley Grapewin, Noah Beery and Dudley Digges offer fine performances in strong roles.

"The Merry Widow"

Glamorous romance, beautiful women, whimsical humour and the haunting strains of Franz Lehar's famous music blend into an entertainment of indescribable charm in Ernst Lubitch's production of "The Merry Widow" coming on Saturday to the Queen's Theatre. With Maurice Chevalier and Jeanette MacDonald as co-stars, singing the world-beloved song hits and enacting the whimsical romance of the musical masterpiece, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer staged the picture on a massive scale unique in the production of this type of picture. Deft "Lubitch touches" add to its continental gaiety and spicy humour. Chevalier plays a role unlike any he has ever attempted. Gay, debonair, singing the lilting songs, he turns to the dramatic side when the real romance eventuates, giving a splendidly restrained performance. Miss MacDonald is singularly beautiful in the gorgeous Adrian-created gowns, and sings the Lehar music gorgeously. Lubitch's humour is ever apparent amid the joyousness of the gay Viennese music and the comically-conceived situations. The original Lehar song hits, the "Merry Widow Waltz", "Vilia", "Girls, Girls, Girls", "Melody of Laughter", "Widows are Gay", "To-night Will Teach Me To Forget", "I'm Going to Maxim's" are all sung in the picture. Edward Everett Horton, as the comic ambassador, appears with Chevalier and Miss MacDonald in many hilarious situations. Refreshing humour is also supplied in the sequences in the royal palace with Una Merkel and George Barbier as king and queen, and the romantic gardens and the comical trial scenes and other episodes spice the romantic theme with merriment.

"Aunt Sally"

"Aunt Sally," Britain's most brilliant "musical" to date, is showing at the Star Theatre. It features Cicely Courtneidge, whose amazing versatility and personality places the film on the high peak of popular entertainment. Cicely excels in "Aunt Sally," with her burlesque, her mimicry, her particular brand of humour in the many diverting incidents which crowd hard upon one another's heels, and in the magnificent cabaret chorines, and many tuneful numbers already familiarised to the public through the mediums of wireless and gramophone. Whether singing, dancing, or cracking "gags," Cicely is at the top of her form, and without a peer in the world at this particular form of entertainment. The picture is packed with fun, interspersed with brilliant and eye-delighting cabaret sequences and the massing of dozens of beautiful chorines. The supporting cast includes Sam Hardy, Billy Milton, Hartley Power, Phyllis Clare, and Ben Weldon. A number of well known wireless "turns" appear including Leslie Holmes and the Carlisle Cousins, also Debroy Somers and his Band.

"Down to Their Last Yacht"

Despite the fact that "Down To Their Last Yacht", which comes to the King's Theatre next week, is a lavish musical extravaganza, audiences will realise that there is a certain amount of philosophy underlying its story. It concerns the adventures of two contracting classes: a group of former aristocrats whose vast fortunes have been swept away, and a party of newly-rich social climbers bent upon living the life of Riley. These conglomerate groups are brought together on a yachting cruise to the South Seas. The crew is composed of members of the Social Register, and the passengers are recruited from the new army of the Cash Register. When the yacht is wrecked and the entire party stranded on a beautiful island, the two factions are united in the common cause of rebelling against the tyranny of an exotic island queen. Mary Boland portrays the fiery-tempered island queen who rules with a high hand, but who has a penchant for marrying at frequent intervals. Sidney Blackmer, who recently scored a hit in RKO-Radio's "This Man Is Mine", and Sidney Fox are seen as the romantic lovers. Polly Moran brings her usual broad humour to the role of a promoter who cashes in on the social ambitions of the parvenu by organising the yachting expedition. Others who have important parts are Ned Sparks, Sterling Holloway, Charles Coleman, Marjorie Gateson, Helen Collins, Tom Kennedy, Hazel Forbes and Irene Franklin.

"Treasure Island"

"Treasure Island", the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer production adapted by John Lee Mahin from the Robert Louis Stevenson classic of adventure of the same name and enjoying an extended run at the Queen's Theatre, is an important, painstakingly-made picture which entertains both young and old. Directed by Victor Fleming, the cast assembled by him is a notable one. It includes Wallace Beery and Jackie Cooper co-starred, Lionel Barrymore, Lewis Stone, "Chic" Sale, Otto Kruger, little Cora Sue Collins and many others, all of whom turn in excellent performances. Wallace Beery is effective as the sly, ingratiating Long John Silver, piratical leader who plays largely on his persuasive friendship with the boy, Jim Hawkins, in making his dreadful bid for buried treasure. Jackie Cooper does a remarkable impersonation of Jim Hawkins, torn between loyalty to his elder fellows on the cruise and his boyish pity for the pirate who has treated him as a matey. The scenes between these two are most engrossing with Cooper fulfilling acting requirements handsomely. Lionel Barrymore is seen as Billy Bones and Otto Kruger as Dr. Livesey. The magnetic quality in the latter's voice adds power to many dramatic sequences.

"Dames"

"Dames," Warner Bros.' newest and most spectacular musical comedy romance, comes to Alhambra Theatre soon, with an all star cast headed by Joan Blondell, Dick Powell and Ruby Keeler. Three hundred beautiful girls dance and frolic in beautiful and complicated ensembles that are said to be the most novel and most sensational yet created by that master of special numbers, Busby Berkeley. The picture is said to contain a number of the catchiest songs of the year, written by three teams of ace songsters, Warren and Dubin, Fain and Kahal and Dixon and Wrubel. These are sung by Dick Powell, Ruby Keeler, Joan Blondell and Phil Regan, radio's "Singing Cop." The story, by Robert Lord and Delmer Daves, carries a definite plot which is said to be one of the most hilarious on record. Joan Blondell heads the cast in the role of a chorus girl mad-cap who delights in embarrassing dignified gentlemen, and who eventually weds a millionaire moralist. Dick Powell and Ruby Keeler furnish most of the romance as a pair of lovers whose match is anathema to their families. Three famous comedians, ZaSu Pitts, Guy Kibbee and Hugh Herbert, provide a large share of the comedy. Others in the cast include Arthur Vinton, Sammy Fain and Arthur Aylesworth.

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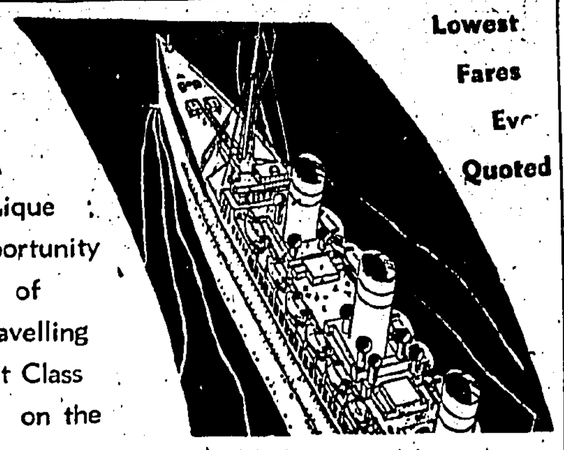

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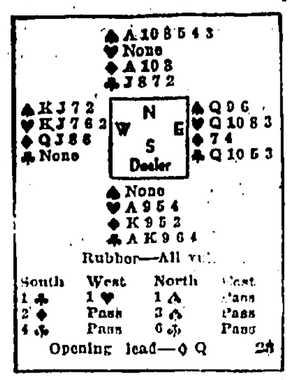
CONTRACT BRIDGE

Solution to Previous Contract Problem.

By W. E. McKenney

Bridge is usually referred to as an American pastime, but I might say that it is becoming the pastime of the world. Some 15 or 20 European countries have national bridge organizations that, like the American Bridge League, are associated with the International Bridge League.

The American team, selected by open competition recently, consists of David Burnstein, Oswald Jacoby, Richard T. Frey and Howard



Schenken. It won a $1,500 trophy presented by Nate Spingold of New York, and will leave shortly for the world match at Budapest.

The Bidding

To Nate Spingold, bridge is purely a pastime. He enjoys the game and is always on the alert for that elusive slam contract. Here's a hand showing his aggressive type of bidding and it also demonstrates how well he can play the cards.

Mr. Spingold's diamond bid is purely constructive, and with the diamond bid North was justified in jumping to three spades. When South showed a five-card club suit, North's natural response was six clubs.

The Play

West's opening lead was the queen of diamonds which Mr. Spingold in the South won with the king. A small heart was led and ruffed in dummy with the deuce of clubs. A small club was returned on which South played the king and West showed out.

Mr. Spingold saw he still had a chance to make the contract and went to work. He led the ace of hearts and discarded a small spade from dummy. Then he played a small heart and ruffed in dummy. Now the ace of spades was cashed and a diamond discarded, after which a small spade was ruffed with the four of clubs.

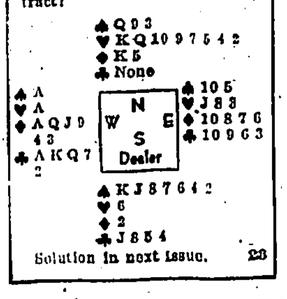
As West's opening lead of the queen of diamonds marked him with the jack, Mr. Spingold led a diamond and finessed dummy's ten, which held. A small spade was led and ruffed with the six of clubs, a heart played and ruffed with the jack of clubs

This left East with the queen, ten, and five of clubs, while Mr. Spingold held the ace and nine of clubs and the nine of diamonds. So, Mr. Spingold led a spade from dummy and East was helpless.

If he ruffed with the five of clubs, South would over-ruff with the nine, cash the ace of clubs, and grant a diamond loser. If East ruffed with the ten or queen, South would discard the nine of diamonds and hold a tenace in trump. An unusual and interesting coup.

Today's Contract Problem

Here's an interesting hand for bidding. You can deal it out to 50 groups of four and you'll find the bidding different at every table. How do you think the hand should be bid and what is the best contract?



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W. H. E. THOMAS,
Acting Manager.

Hongkong, 20th February, 1934.

SIXTEEN KILLED

RAILWAY DISASTER IN CANADA

Hamilton, Dec. 26.

One of the worst disasters in the history of the State-owned Canadian National Railways occurred at the railway siding at Dundas yesterday, when the famous flyer, "The Maple Leaf" crashed into the rear of a Christmas excursion train, which was shunted at the siding.

As a result of the disaster, at least 16 have been killed and over 30 are critically injured.

An open switch is believed to have caused the disaster. The through express was bound eastward from Detroit.

The injured were conveyed to hospitals in Hamilton, a few miles from the scene of the wreck.

Identification of the dead is most difficult, because many bodies have been mangled beyond recognition.

The last three coaches in the excursion train, despite the fact they were of steel construction, were almost demolished. Dozens of passengers were pinned beneath the wreckage.

Many acts of heroism were performed by rescue workers.

At the point where the crash occurred, the railway runs along a high cliff, increasing the difficulty and danger of the rescuers' work. One coach is poised on the very brink of the cliff.—*Reuter.*

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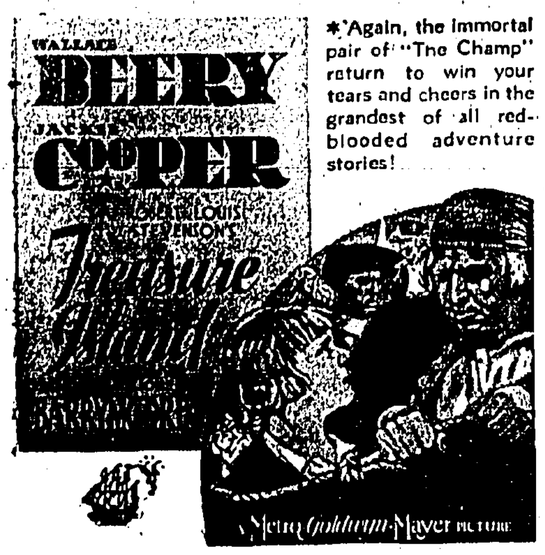

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DIDN'T KNOW WHAT STEALING WAS!

A man who stated that he did not know what stealing was came up before Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones at the Central Magistracy this morning on a charge of stealing two wooden folding chairs from St. Paul's Church between August and November.

Defendant was employed as a coolie in the Church, and had taken the chairs home between the dates mentioned in the charge.

In answer to the charge, defendant admitted that he had taken the chairs home for his children. He said there were no chairs at home, and when he was asked to get some chairs by his children, he had taken two from the Church. "I didn't realise that I was stealing anything," he said.

His Worship: Then what is the meaning of the word "steal?"

Defendant: I don't know what stealing is.

His Worship: I am told that there are four hundred million people in China; I think you are the only one who doesn't know the meaning of the word "steal."

Defendant, who had a previous conviction for larceny, was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour.

DRIZZLE OR MIST

A moderate anticyclone covers China, Manchuria and Japan. Pressure is highest to the north of Shantung. Local forecast:—N. E. winds, fresh; cloudy with drizzle or mist.

FALSE PRETENCES

FOKI CAUGHT BY EUROPEAN

Appearing at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning on a charge of obtaining fifteen catties of grass paper by false pretences, from Li Siu-wah, a foki of the Cheung Ki paper shop, 26 Kilung Street, on December 22, Chak Lai, a shop foki, was sentenced to three months' hard labour by Mr. E. W. Hamilton.

It was alleged that the defendant went to the Cheung Ki shop on Saturday morning, and ordered 15 catties of grass paper valued at $3.30. The defendant told the complainant to go with him to 794 Nathan Road, and he would pay for the paper. On arrival at the place, defendant took the paper and went upstairs, and told the complainant to wait. After waiting a long time, the complainant went up and found the defendant on the roof, where he had been caught by a European, Mr. J. J. Osborne, who resided on the top floor. The defendant said he went up on the roof to look for his brother who was a painter.

At a previous hearing, defendant denied having a previous conviction for larceny, but on his appearance this morning he admitted that he had been convicted before.

LOCAL ESTATES

LATEST GRANTS OF PROBATE

John Reginald Hinton, mercantile assistant, who died at the Canossa Hospital on March 5, 1932, left local estate valued at $10,700. Mr. G. G. N. Tinson has been granted leave to seal certified copy of probate of the will.

Chan Wing-chi, of 62, Wuhu Street, Hunghom, died on December 2, 1933, leaving $88,100, probate of the will being granted to Chan Wah.

She (or Shi, or Se) Leung-chuen, of 43, Jervois Street, died July 6, leaving $42,600, probate being granted to She Ka-lei and She Pik-chuen.

CRUISER STRIKES BIG JUNK

GIRL FEARED DROWNED

MISHAP IN HARBOUR

Last evening when the Italian cruiser Quarto, commanded by Captain Brodeversi, was leaving port for Saigon, she had the misfortune to run into a big cargo junk, which was overturned as a result of the impact.

All the crew were thrown into the harbour, but were saved with the exception of a girl, aged about five years, who is believed to have been drowned.

It appears that a launch towing a junk had come round the s.s. Chinhua which was tied up to a buoy and crossed the Quarto's buoy, and the cruiser, in attempting to avoid a collision, struck one of a number of junks alongside the Chinhua.

The junk capsized, and the crew, together with a cargo of rice, were precipitated into the water. All managed to clamber on to other junks, excepting the small girl.

After the collision, men from the Quarto went aboard the Chinhua to make investigations, and later came ashore and reported the incident to the police, the cruiser later leaving for Saigon.

SEVEN YEARS' SAVINGS

WOMAN ROBBED OF $26

Over $26, which she claims to represent the savings of seven years, was stolen from a woman earth-carrier yesterday morning after she was decoyed by two men, by a promise of employment, to a vacant floor at 962 Canton Road, Yaumati.

After binding the woman, the robbers made good their escape.

TAILOR'S TRICK

STOLE PART OF DRESS LENGTH

For stealing three yards of cloth, a tailor-named Tsang Yuk-cheong was sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment by Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Sub-Inspector McEwen stated that defendant was given a roll of cloth to cut into a dress length, but he kept three yards back, allegedly with the intention of selling it. He was seen yesterday trying to pawn the cloth.

When searched at the Police Station, defendant was found to have $7.20 in his possession. He had just received his pay.

His Worship: You had money already. There was no need for you to steal.

Defendant: My pay was not enough for my needs.

FORMER HONGKONG RESIDENT

MR. A. K. HENDERSON MADE BAILIE

A former Hongkong resident, in the person of Mr. A. K. Henderson, for many years in the service of the Hongkong Tramway Co., has been elected a Magistrate of Gourock, where he has been living since his retirement.

...t a meeting of the Gourock Town Council at which the appointment was made, the Provost proposed the election of Mr. Henderson as Junior Bailie. He said Mr. Henderson had been a member of the Council for several years, and had proved a good Works Convener.

Judge Mathie, in seconding, referred to the fact that Mr. Henderson was a Gourock boy.

After Mr. Henderson had been invested with his chain of office, he thanked the Council for the great honour conferred on him, and said he would endeavour to carry out the duties to the best of his abilities.

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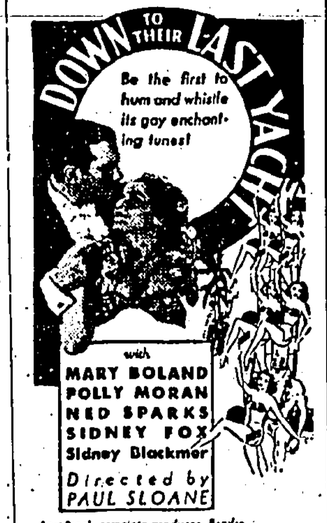

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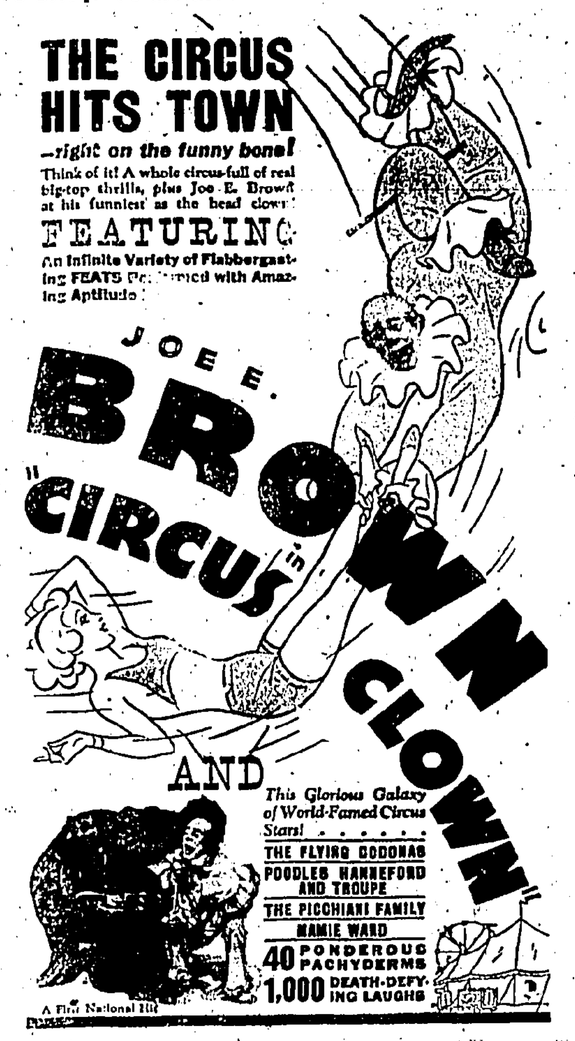

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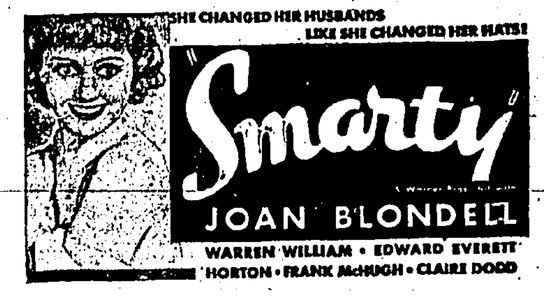

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